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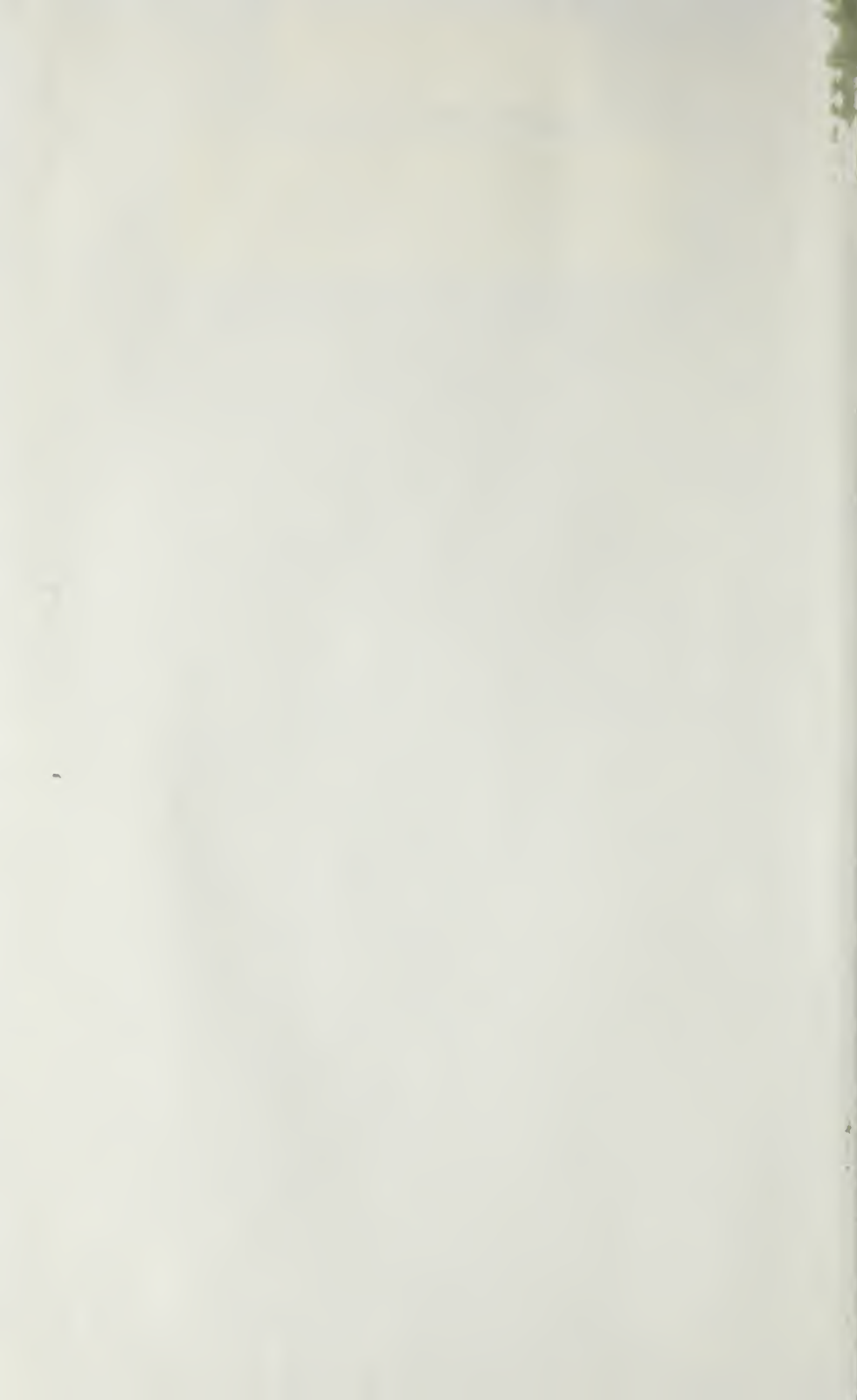
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Annual report of the
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen of Shirley

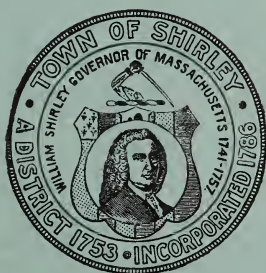
TOGETHER WITH A

**Report of the Treasurer, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor,
Fire Department, Trustees of the Public Library,
Auditors, Items from Town Clerk's
Book, and Town Warrant**

ALSO THE

ANNUAL REPORT of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For the Year Ending March 1, 1911



AYER, MASS.

HUNTLEY S. TURNER, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Receipts and Expenditures
OF THE
TOWN OF SHIRLEY
WITH
OTHER STATISTICAL MATTER
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1911



AYER, MASS.
HUNTLEY S. TURNER, PRINTER

TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1910-11

Town Clerk

Herman S. Hazen

Selectmen and Board of Health

Geo. E. Harlow, term expires 1911

J. W. Farrar, term expires 1912

Edward J. Stevens, term expires 1913

Assessors

Savillion W. Longley, term expires 1911

† Melvin W. Longley, term expires 1912

Henry W. Brockelman term expires 1913

Overseers of the Poor

William E. Barnard, term expires 1911

† Melvin W. Longley, term expires 1912

John E. L. Hazen, term expires 1913

School Committee

* Chas. H. Weare, Jr., term expires 1911

William H. Wilbur, term expires 1911

Thomas L. Lilly, term expires 1912

Constables

Forest Hooper

John H. Logue

Willard G. White

Treasurer—Herman S. Hazen

Tax Collector—William H. Cram

Tree Warden—John E. L. Hazen

Highway Superintendent—Henry L. Farnsworth

Auditors—Frederick W. Holden, Joseph H. McClellan

Trustees of the Public Library

Wilbur H. Wilbur

Charles K. Bolton

term expires 1911

Mabel G. Hazen

George O. Evans

term expires 1912

Martha J. Conant

Mary M. Nickless

term expires 1913

Librarian—Alice L. Wright

Registrars of Voters

Charles R. White, term expires 1911

Michael F. Day, term expires 1912

J. Edwin Pomfret, term expires 1913

Herman S. Hazen, **Clerk ex officio**

* Appointed in place of Herbert F. Taylor, resigned

† Deceased

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Shirley, Mass., March 1, 1911.

To the Voters of the Town of Shirley:

Gentlemen—The Selectmen herewith submit their annual report for the municipal year 1910-1911.

CENTER AND PARKER ROAD WORK

During the past year the town has nearly completed that part of Center and Parker Road under the supervision of the State Highway Commission. The road has been built according to plan which was to be sixteen feet wide with six inches of gravel in the center and four inches at the sides, and the Engineer says it is one of the best roads in town.

A petition was presented to the Selectmen with the required number of signers requesting them to locate the bounds on Patterson Road which was done at the cost of \$97.21.

It was reported that the new bridge on Fredonia Street had settled, and on investigating deemed it advisable to have it inspected which was done at the cost of \$20.00, and his report will be read at Town Meeting.

GUIDE BOARDS

Through the kindness and generosity of the Altrurian Club, two expensive and attractive guide boards were presented to the town, located at the junction of Main

Street and Center Road. The Altrurian Club has done a great deal to beautify the town which is much appreciated.

GUIDE POSTS

In accordance with the requirements of the law we submit the following:

Guide posts have been maintained within the limits of the town in compliance with Chapter 54 of the Public Statutes and Acts and Amendments thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. FARRAR,
EDWARD J. STEVENS,
GEORGE E. HARLOW,

Selectmen of Shirley.

FINANCIAL CONDITION MARCH 1, 1911

Liabilities

North Middlesex Savings Bank, 12 notes of \$500.00 each, one pay- able October 27 of each year	\$6,000 00
North Middlesex Savings Bank, 3 notes of \$500.00 each, one pay- able January 1 of each year	1,500 00
Leominster Savings Bank, 1 note of \$3,000.00 to be paid January 15, 1919	3,000 00
Interest on above to March 1, 1911	94 21
Unexpended balance from Massa- chusetts school fund	518 72
Unexpended balance of interest from Nathaniel Day fund for worthy poor	95 14
	\$11,208 07

Assets

Due from State for State Aid....	\$394 00
Due from State for Military Aid, 1/2	24 00
Due from State for burial, William R. McClellan	37 00
Due from State for inspection of cattle, 1/2	26 00
Due from tax collector, 1910....	2,260 37
Due from Towns, account of poor	8 50
Due from State for Center and Parker Road	700 00
In hands of treasurer, March 1, . 1911	5,535 98
Indebtedness	2,222 22
	\$11,208 07

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Poor	\$911 94
Highways	1,037 16
Bridges and railings.....	123 07
Town incidentals	729 99
Salaries	850 12
Military Aid	48 00
Burial of soldier.....	37 00
Soldiers' Relief	132 00
State Aid	394 00
Center Road, in account with State	203 97
Center and Parker Road, in ac- count with State.....	1,468 55
Memorial Day	50 00
In settlement of taxes	323 86
Sidewalks	550 00
Playground	919 79
Transportation of books	25 00
Transportation of voters	36 00
Painting engine house	191 82
Fire alarm system	36 80
Hydrant service.....	1,220 00
Insurance	22 50
Patterson Road	85 36
Excise tax	139 45
Samson Road	3 25
Forest fires	152 88
Enforcement of law	73 79
Fire department	469 60
Snow	97 24
Moth work	664 77
Board of Health	235 11
Center cemetery	58 13
Village cemetery.....	81 41
Library	520 72

Tree Warden	90 11	
Street lights	955 12	
Rebuilding tomb	551 83	
Inspection of cattle	52 00	
Inspection of meat and milk	25 00	
		————— \$13,567 34

ESTIMATES FOR YEAR 1911

Schools	\$3,200 00
Superintendent of schools	250 00
Transportation	1,500 00
Fuel	400 00
Supplies	450 00
Incidentals and repairs	250 00
Poor	1,200 00
Highways	1,500 00
Bridges and railings	400 00
Hydrant service	1,220 00
Exterminating moths	475 00
Memorial Day	50 00
Street lights	1,200 00
Town incidentals	750 00
Salaries	800 00
Enforcement of law	150 00
Enforcement of liquor law	150 00
Tree Warden	100 00
Board of Health	200 00
Removing snow	300 00
Transportation of books	25 00
Transportation of voters	40 00
Payment of notes	1,000 00
Fire department	500 00
Insurance	75 00

Library	300 00
Interest	450 00
Forest fires	200 00

TOWN INCIDENTALS

Appropriation		\$750 00
Walter Knowles, election officer..	\$5 00	
Edward F. O'Neill, election officer	5 00	
J. Edwin Pomfret, registrar of voters	8 00	
Harry Lynch, election officer	7 50	
George S. Wells, team	2 00	
G. C. West, election officer.....	5 00	
Harry Collyer, election officer	2 50	
Cecil Bagnall, license book	2 31	
Wakefield Daily Item, printing notices	4 75	
William M. Sargent, treasurer's book	5 00	
L. Sherwin & Co., for paper	92	
J. E. Thompson, check canceller..	75	
S. A. Carter, care of Common.....	9 25	
C. R. White, registrar of voters..	8 00	
T. E. Lilly, reporting births	7 00	
George E. Harlow, auditor	6 00	
George E. Harlow, election officer	2 50	
George E. Harlow, supplies	1 70	
Joseph H. McClellan, auditor	6 00	
Jeremiah H. Flynn, election officer	5 00	
Huntley S. Turner, for printing ..	148 35	
M. F. Day, registrar of voters....	8 00	
J. F. Brown, reporting deaths	9 25	
E. E. Hodgkins.....	3 00	

E. A. Jenkins, aiding Assessors....	5 00
F. P. Rugg, election officer.....	5 00
Thomas J. Gately, election officer..	5 00
Annie E. Ward, watering trough..	3 00
John W. Farrar, for supplies	10 99
John W. Farrar, perambulating Townsend line	2 00
E. J. Stevens, perambulating Town- send line	2 00
E. J. Stevens, election officer	2 50
E. J. Stevens, for supplies	1 50
W. H. Wilbur, express	1 05
Hobbs, Warren & Co.	82
Henry L. Farnsworth, aiding as- sessors	4 00
A. L. Parker, for team	75
George Holden, election officer ..	2 50
Forest Hooper, repairs on town pump	1 00
Edward O. Childs, registrar of deeds	87
John L. Kennison, printing	105 05
Old Corner Book Store	1 00
L. F. J. Carpenter, election officer..	5 00
William M. Sargent, printing	1 50
William E. Barnard, janitor	43 50
D. C. Parsons, legal advice	30 00
D. C. Parsons	7 00
A. B. Cram, team	1 50
Henry W. Brockelman	2 84
Parker, Bateman & Chase, survey- ing Patterson Road and in- specting bridge	117 21
J. L. Hammett	1 75
Charles J. Pierce, reporting births	2 75
George H. B. Turner, printing....	7 00

S. LeRoy Longley	3 50	
F. E. Farnsworth, wood for town hall	12 00	
Herman S. Hazen, supplies	26 08	
Herman S. Hazen, recording mar- riages, births and deaths	40 55	
(Herman S. Hazen, registrar and Justice of Peace	11 00	
	<hr/>	\$629 99
Unexpended balance		\$120 01

EXTERMINATING MOTHS

Appropriation		\$475 00
E. D. Lucy	\$4 00	
Harvey Vancelette	2 00	
Henry Eisner	2 00	
Harry D. Bodah	8 75	
A. A. Adams	186 12	
Charles H. Miner	47 00	
H. L. Frost & Co.	64 30	
C. Russell Miner	60 00	
New York and Boston Bag Co.	8 86	
O. I. Cutler	32 00	
Huntley S. Turner	4 00	
G. W. Townsend	8 75	
O. Richards	12 50	
Will Devarney	7 48	
Harold Landry	48 50	
John W. Farrar, supplies	3 10	
Richard Murray	1 75	
Levy Landry	72 50	
S. A. Carter	8 00	

Louis Gionet	18 37	
Joseph Gionet	46 24	
Edward R. Thompson	2 00	
Charles R. White	4 30	
Joseph Cartier	1 75	
Charles Gionet	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$664 77
Received from State		107 41
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		\$557 36

HIGHWAYS

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
G. C. West	\$108 62
Henry L. Farnsworth	224 62
George H. Farmer	59 05
John Farmer	83 79
Oscar Haradon	41 14
Good Road Machine Co.	8 00
Ralph I. Evans	90 00
W. H. Wilbur, express	3 65
Waldo G. Farnsworth	51 78
G. M. Ballou	82 00
Granville Fairbanks	6 80
Harry Hodgman	30 63
John M. Adams	44 63
Arthur Holden	23 70
E. J. Stevens	27 00
Fred Frary	14 01
John Donovan	16 59
M. A. MacElroy	13 30
George S. Wells	22 50
Thomas L. Hazen, gravel	15 40

A. M. Wood	7 57	
Henry Dodge	15 17	
John W. Farrar, supplies	16 81	
George Holden	13 50	
George H. Adams	2 15	
Conant Bros. & Co.	3 05	
Henry Godbeer	1 50	
William R. Neat, gravel	3 60	
H. O. Peasley.....	1 50	
George L. Davis	5 10	
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		\$1,037 16
Overdrawn	\$37 16	

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation		\$200 00
T. E. Lilly, fumigating	\$83 00	
T. E. Lilly, telephoning	4 60	
T. E. Lilly, inspecting	15 00	
Brockelman Bros.	8 50	
W. H. Wilbur, express	5 75	
Patrick Gionet	26 70	
Mrs. Frank H. Cormier	15 19	
Frank H. Cormier	16 50	
Anges Stebbins	8 50	
Samuel Bodah	15 00	
George E. Harlow, inspecting ...	6 00	
John W. Farrar, inspecting	6 00	
E. J. Stevens, inspecting	6 00	
Forest Hooper, fumigating	10 50	
Mrs. Samuel Bodah	7 87	
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		\$235 11
Overdrawn	\$35 11	

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS

Appropriation		\$350 00
Henry L. Farnsworth	\$115 46	
G. M. Ballou	1 98	
Fred Frary	3 88	
George Farmer	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$123 07
Unexpended balance		\$226 93

REBUILDING TOMB

Appropriation		\$500 00
W. H. Wilbur	\$ 25	
E. H. Longley	446 50	
Leominster Granite and Marble Works	24 13	
Herring, Hall & Marvin Safe Co...	70 50	
W. H. Brown	10 45	
	<hr/>	\$551 83
Overdrawn	\$51 83	

INSPECTION OF CATTLE

A. A. Adams	\$52 00
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INSPECTION OF MEAT AND MILK

A. A. Adams	\$25 00
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STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation		\$1,200 00
Howard M. Longley	\$84 70	
Samson Cordage Works	1 75	
G. M. Ballou	781 00	
M. W. Carey	64 40	
John W. Farrar, supplies	23 27	
	<hr/>	\$955 12
Unexpended balance.....		<hr/> \$244 88

CENTER CEMETERY

Appropriation		\$25 00
G. C. West	\$6 00	
S. A. Carter	23 25	
Howard M. Longley	6 00	
Peter S. Bucher	7 88	
Fred Rich	11 25	
John W. Farrar	25	
William E. Barnard	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$58 13

VILLAGE CEMETERY

Appropriation		\$50 00
Shirley Village Water District ..	\$10 09	
George S. Wells	12 50	
W. H. Brown	1 00	
Charles Wilson	18 37	

J. Fred Brown	33 45	
G. M. Ballou	3 50	
M. A. MacElroy	1 50	
Conant Bros. & Co.	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$81 41

PAINTING ENGINE HOUSE

Appropriation	\$200 00
Paid W. H. McCoy	191 82

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Bruce-Hibbard Electric Co.....	\$16 80	
Samson Cordage Works	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$36 80

HYDRANT SERVICE

Appropriation	\$1,220 00
Paid Shirley Village Water District.....	1,220 00

INSURANCE

Appropriation	\$100 00
Paid S. W. Longley	22 50

SAMSON ROAD

Samson Cordage Works	\$1 25	
George L. Davis, gravel	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$3 25

SNOW

Appropriation		\$400 00
Moses J. Woods	\$5 60	
Conant Bros. & Co., shovels	3 60	
W. H. Wilbur, freight on snow plow	1 92	
John Donovan	60	
Joseph Breck & Son, sidewalk plow	55 00	
Daniel Credit, care of sidewalks..	30 52	
	<hr/>	\$97 24
Unexpended balance.....		<hr/> \$302 76

LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$250 00	
Dog tax	260 93	
	<hr/>	\$510 93
Granville Fairbanks, wood	\$17 50	
G. M. Ballou	12 25	
James Clark & Co.	17 10	
O. W. Balcom	92 26	
Alice L. Wright	102 78	
W. H. Wilbur	6 55	

Huntley S. Turner	1 00	
Hazen & Nickless	21 84	
Old Corner Book Store	10 93	
W. B. Clark & Co.	155 69	
F. J. Barnard	42 64	
Boynton Furnace Co.	12 50	
Gaylord Bros.	40	
Office Specialties DeLuxe	1 50	
Shirley Village Water District ...	8 00	
W. E. Mellish	2 25	
Arthur J. Nye	4 50	
Annie M. Fuller	90	
Library Bureau	5 00	
Samson Cordage Works	98	
John L. Kennison.....	4 15	
		\$520 72
Overdrawn	\$9 79	

ENFORCEMENT OF LAW

Appropriation		\$150 00
G. M. Ballou, wood for lockup	\$2 60	
John H. Logue	3 50	
Samuel Sandlin	3 00	
Walter Knowles	2 50	
John H. Will	2 50	
Thomas J. Gately	3 00	
Joseph Allen	4 00	
Forest Hooper	12 54	
E. J. Wilson	2 50	
Fred S. Brown	5 00	
John W. Farrar, supplies	7 50	
Conant Bros. & Co., lockup supplies	2 65	

Willard G. White	5 00	
James Gately, keeper of lockup ..	10 00	
John H. Logue, dog warrant	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$73 79
Unexpended balance.....		<hr/> \$76 21

FOREST FIRES

Charles R. White	\$5 00	
George S. Wells	5 50	
H. W. McCoy	6 00	
A. L. Parker	6 00	
Herman S. Hazen, sundry persons	117 98	
F. D. Weeks, acid	4 80	
Conant Bros. & Co.	2 60	
M. W. Longley	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$152 88

SALARIES

Appropriation		\$800 00
John W. Farrar, selectman	\$100 00	
Edward J. Stevens, selectman	95 00	
George E. Harlow, selectman	75 00	
S. W. Longley, assessor	134 37	
Henry W. Brockelman, assessor ..	141 25	
Melvin W. Longley, assessor	89 50	
John E. L. Hazen, overseer of poor	50 00	
William E. Barnard, overseer of poor	10 00	

Melvin W. Longley, overseer of poor	15 00	
Herman S. Hazen, treasurer	100 00	
Herman S. Hazen, town clerk	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$850 12
Overdrawn	\$50 12	

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		\$100 00
G. M. Ballou	\$1 45	
George E. Harlow	25 38	
Harold Landry	7 00	
Frank Gionet	17 50	
Joseph Gionet	10 50	
Thomas Landry	21 88	
Joseph Tessier	80	
Joseph Provincial	1 80	
Joseph Lozoan	1 00	
Israel Shiago	80	
Adolphus Ebare	50	
William H. Cram, team	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$90 11
Unexpended		\$9 89

CENTER ROAD IN ACCOUNT WITH STATE, 1909

Unexpended balance of 1909		\$270 12
Joseph Carter	\$7 50	
Joseph Comoe	6 13	
Standish Laundrie	4 38	

Peter Boucher	3 50	
Daniel Credit	35 00	
Charles J. Bruso	41 75	
George S. Wells	50 00	
William Parrier	7 00	
Thomas Galian	8 30	
Maxtem Galian	9 18	
E. D. Lucy	10 05	
G. C. West	11 63	
M. A. MacElroy	3 25	
Fitchburg Hardware Co.....	3 90	
John W. Farrar	2 00	
W. H. Wilbur	40	
	<hr/>	\$203 97
Unexpended balance.....		<hr/> \$66 15

**CENTER AND PARKER ROAD IN ACCOUNT WITH
STATE, 1910**

Appropriation	\$800 00	
Allotment from State	700 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,500 00
E. J. Stevens	\$161 43	
G. C. West	99 88	
Frank Daley	36 11	
Israel Comoe.....	16 41	
Ralph I. Evans	165 00	
Harry Bodah	41 99	
Frank Cameron	10 04	
Henry Dodge	114 50	
George S. Wells	74 00	
George Holden	13 50	

George S. Sinclair	28 66	
G. M. Ballou	38 30	
John Donovan	69 58	
George Farmer	29 33	
John M. Adams	56 23	
Horace Sampson	98 00	
Luther Holden	46 16	
John W. Farrar, supplies	44 15	
J. B. Crowe	40 50	
A. W. Woods	16 85	
Anthony LePage.....	5 00	
Henry L. Farnsworth	143 38	
Samson Cordage Works	1 66	
W. H. Wilbur, freight	2 46	
Eugene Chevette, gravel	27 00	
Estate of M. W. Longley, gravel	57 60	
Oliver Twine	21 88	
John W. Farrar	8 95	
	<hr/>	\$1,468 55
Unexpended balance.....		\$31 45

POOR

Appropriation	\$1,200 00
Paid	\$911 94
Unexpended	\$288 06

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Paid	\$132 00
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MILITARY AID

Paid		\$48 00
Due from State, one-half	\$24 00	
Paid	\$35 00	
William H. Cram, burial agent ..	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$37 00
Due from State	\$37 00	

STATE AID

Paid		\$394 00
Due from State.....	\$394 00	

PLAYGROUND

Appropriation		\$1,800 00
Frank L. Keith, playground.....	\$700 00	
Charles J. Bruso	37 74	
Charles R. White	11 20	
Jack Cooper	6 13	
Toney Vickings	3 50	
Adolphus Bastine	14 01	
George E. Haskins	50	
Willard Moran	87	
Walter Wheeler	1 00	
Guy Cook	5 25	
W. C. Wolff	1 75	
Joseph H. Gordon	16 73	
Daniel Lamay	1 75	

Eddie Lucy	19 80	
F. D. Weeks	21 57	
G. M. Ballou	55 26	
Shirley Village Water District ..	9 68	
Ovila Carter.....	2 63	
George S. Wells	2 50	
D. O. Bushua	3 12	
Daniel Credit	2 50	
M. A. MacElroy	50	
John Fredrick	1 80	
	<hr/>	\$919 79
Unexpended balance.....		<hr/> \$880 21

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		\$50 00
John W. Farrar	\$2 80	
Paid H. C. Sherwin, Post 48, G.		
A. R.	47 20	
	<hr/>	\$50 00

TRANSPORTATION OF VOTERS

Appropriation		\$40 00
George S. Wells	\$21 50	
A. B. Cram	2 00	
G. M. Ballou	7 00	
A. L. Parker	5 50	
	<hr/>	\$36 00
Unexpended balance.....		<hr/> \$4 00

PATTERSON ROAD

Appropriation		\$200 00
John Donovan	\$5 25	
George Holden	18 00	
Henry L. Farnsworth	31 86	
George Farmer	3 50	
George Sinclair	5 25	
Arthur Holden	5 25	
Ralph I. Evans	9 00	
John M. Adams	5 25	
L. Sherwin & Co.	2 00	
		\$85 36
Unexpended balance		\$114 64

FITCHBURG AND LEOMINSTER ELECTRIC RAIL- ROAD

Excise tax		\$179 49
John Donovan	\$12 25	
George Holden	27 00	
Henry L. Farnsworth	38 00	
George Farmer	14 00	
John Farmer	8 75	
G. C. West	8 75	
Arthur Holden	12 25	
John M. Adams	12 25	
George L. Davis, gravel	6 20	
		\$139 45
Unexpended		\$40 04

SIDEWALK ON FRONT STREET

Appropriation	\$500 00
Paid E. H. Longley	550 00
Overdrawn	\$50 00

TRANSPORTATION OF BOOKS

Appropriation	\$25 00
Paid A. B. Cram	25 00

IN SETTLEMENT OF TAXES

Paid William H. Cram, 1909	\$123 86	
Paid William H. Cram, 1910	200 00	
		<hr/> \$323 86

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$600 00
Salaries	\$265 00
G. M. Ballou, wood	4 00
G. M. Ballou, moving wires	1 50
G. M. Ballou, lights	4 85
H. W. McCoy	75
Barney Bodah	2 50
G. H. Devarney, repairs	3 75
Guy Cook	2 50
L. A. Fitts	60
Huntley S. Turner, printing	11 00
Charles J. Stebbins	8 50

Charles R. White, supplies	15 90	
W. H. Wilbur, express	1 25	
Shirley Village Water District ..	8 00	
A. L. Parker, teams	1 75	
Barney Bodah, janitor	25 00	
Dennis O'Neill, engineer	40 00	
Willard G. White, engineer	30 00	
Thomas J. Gately, engineer	30 00	
George S. Wells	3 00	
G. M. Ballou	2 50	
Charles R. White	7 75	
	<hr/>	\$469 60
Unexpended balance		<hr/> \$130 40

LIST OF JURORS

Shirley, Mass., July 6, 1910.

List of Jurors for the municipal year 1910 and 1911, prepared and posted by the selectmen of Shirley, in accordance with Chapter 176, Sec. 4, as amended by Chapter 348 of the Acts and Resolves of 1907.

Name	Street or Road	Occupation
William E. Barnard	Parker rd	Farmer
Fred Brown	Main st	Mill Operative
LaForest J. Carpenter	Great rd	Farmer
Sidney A. Carter	Center rd	Farmer
Augustus B. Cram	Center rd	Farmer
Albee Annis	Mill st	Mill Operative
Jeremiah H. Flynn	Haskell st	Weaver
Arthur E. Felch	Lancaster rd	Carpenter
George E. Harlow	Lancaster rd	Retired
Thomas S. Gateley	Leominster rd	Weaver
Joseph H. McClellan	Church st	Clerk
Walter E. Knowles	Harvard rd	Weaver
Will F. Russell	Maple st	Ins. Agent
Harry H. Lynch	Lancaster rd	Weaver
Edmond F. O'Neill	Front st	Weaver
Charles R. White	Main st	Merchant
John M. Leopold	Mill st	Weaver

ASSESSORS' REPORT

The Assessors of the Town of Shirley submit the following as their report for the municipal year 1910-11:

State tax	\$1,650 00	
County tax	1,144 33	
Town tax and overlay.....	17,990 42	
L. & F. Electric St. R. R. Co., ex-		
cise tax.....	179 49	
After tax	6 11	
		<hr/> \$20,970 35

Rate, \$16.50 per \$1,000.00.

Number of polls assessed, 524.

Number for poll tax only, 312.

Total personal estate assessed..\$350,890 00

Total real estate assessed..... 845,236 00

\$1,196,126 00

Tax on personal estate..... \$5,789 69

Tax on real estate..... 13,946 96

Tax on polls..... 1,048 00

\$20,783 65

Number of persons, corporations and estates

 exempt by law..... 44

Amount of their property exempted.....\$106,420.00

Number of horses assessed..... 170

Number of cows assessed..... 197

Number of cattle other than cows assessed... 57

Number of sheep assessed.....	4
Number of swine assessed.....	32
Number of dwelling houses assessed.....	390
Number of fowls assessed (value \$1190.00)...	2380
Number of acres of land assessed.....	9172½

SAVILLION W. LONGLEY,
HENRY W. BROCKELMAN,

Assessors of the Town of Shirley.

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

The following is a list of taxes abated for the year 1909 by the Assessors of Shirley and for causes stated:

Bulger, Alexander, not able.....	\$2 00
Burrill, James H., deceased.....	2 00
Buman, William S., paid in North Brookfield	2 00
Crowe, Patrick, not found.....	2 00
Clark, Charles F., out of state....	2 00
Cote, Alfred, in Canada.....	2 00
Comoe, Joseph, out of state.....	2 00
Gendron, Frank, error.....	6 65
Goinet, Fred, not found.....	2 00
Hewes, Charles L., paid in Ayer...	2 00
Hambtin, Harry L., not found....	2 00
Landry, Frank, out of town.....	2 00
Phelps, Levi W., error.....	5 03
Soney, Louis, out of state.....	2 00
Sanderson, Charlotte, not able....	26 60
Spaulding, William, error.....	3 99
Spaulding, Nellie, over taxed.....	19 00
Smith, John, error.....	5 70

Ward, J. Walker, error.....	2 38	
Wilson, Warren B., deceased.....	2 76	
Wilson, Caroline, error.....	8 84	
	<hr/>	\$104 95

We, the Assessors of Shirley, hereby certify that the foregoing list of abated taxpayers for the year nineteen hundred and nine is correct according to our best knowledge and belief.

SAVILLION W. LONGLEY,
HENRY W. BROCKELMAN,

Assessors of the Town of Shirley.

TREASURER'S REPORT

**Herman S. Hazen, Town Treasurer, in account with the
Town of Shirley
Receipts**

Cash in treasury April 1, 1910	\$3,780 40
First National Bank of Ayer, temporary loans	3,000 00
First National Bank of Ayer, interest on deposits	63 20
W. E. Barnard, rent of town hall	65 00
G. W. Sanderson, clerk of court, fines	22 06
Circus license	5 00
Charles Lepage, pool license	15 00
Abel Morin, pool and bowling license	25 00
Charles Rozen, junk license	30 00
F. A. Lawton, school tuition	10 00
W. H. Wilbur, junk from school-houses	1 29
Mrs. Nancy E. Sanderson, for care of J. C. Parsons lot in Village cemetery	100 00
Mrs. W. H. Fuller, lot in Village cemetery	25 00
William Brill, lot in Village cemetery	15 00

Mrs. Lucy A. Booth, lot in Village cemetery	15 00
Charles Wilson, lot in Village cemetery	25 00
E. F. Harvey, lot in Village cemetery	10 00
Mrs. C. C. Fernald, lot in Village cemetery	25 00
Mrs. Angie Holden, lot in Village cemetery	30 00
William Walden, lot in Village cemetery	8 00
G. R. Hocquard, lot in Village cemetery	15 00
Fredonian Lodge, I. O. O. F., lot in Village cemetery	1 00
International Trust Co., income Longley school fund	232 73
International Trust Co., income Parker school fund	205 54
International Trust Co., income Gardner, Longley and Henry cemetery funds	57 00
Worcester North Savings Institution, income Day fund for worthy poor	20 20
Worcester North Savings Institution, income Priest cemetery fund	4 04
Fitchburg Savings Bank, income Hazen, Parker, Holden, Little, Brown and Longley cemetery funds	27 12
North Middlesex Savings Bank, income Day fund for worthy poor	18 91

North Middlesex Savings Bank, income Sawtell, Dodge, King, Williams, Fletcher and Wing cemetery funds	41 36
M. W. Carey, apples from Center cemetery	2 50
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
For inspection of animals	10 00
Highway (Center Road)	100 00
Public Service Corporation tax	180 82
Corporation tax	2,391 15
National Bank tax	78 38
Military aid	72 00
State aid	502 00
Street railway tax	410 44
Reimbursement for loss of taxes, account State Industrial school	154 17
Superintendent of schools	250 00
Account of gypsy and brown-tail moth work	107 41
Income Massachusetts school fund	938 41
High school tuition	500 00
County of Middlesex, amount returned from dog licenses	260 93
W. H. Cram, error in bill	10
W. A. Boutilier, milk license	50
G. F. A. Lawrence, milk license ..	50
Frank Honors, milk license	50
F. L. Sanderson, milk license	50
N. R. Graves, milk license.....	50
H. W. Eisner, milk license	50
G. S. Wells, milk license	50
C. W. Marshall, milk license	50

Shirley Cash Market, milk license	50
H. M. James, milk license	50
A. G. Dunn, milk license	50
M. W. Longley, milk license	50
F. B. White, milk license	50
R. F. Colburn, milk license	50
L. D. Guenette, milk license	50
Harlow & Parsons, butterine license	50
W. H. Cram, collector, tax of 1909	2,298 86
W. H. Cram, collector, tax of 1910	18,706 68
	<hr/> \$34,864 70

Expenditures

North Middlesex Savings Bank, note due October 27, 1910	\$500 00
North Middlesex Savings Bank, note due January 1, 1911	500 00
North Middlesex Savings Bank, interest	297 50
North Middlesex Savings Bank, deposit, account J. C. Parsons cemetery fund	100 00
Leominster Savings Bank, interest	105 00
First National Bank of Ayer, temporary loans	3,000 00
First National Bank of Ayer, interest on temporary loans ..	44 11
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State tax	1,651 00
County of Middlesex, county tax	1,144 33
Overseers of the Poor, account Day fund for worthy poor	25 00
Selectmen's orders	13,567 34
School committee's orders	8,394 44
Cash in treasury	5,535 98
	<hr/> \$34,864 70

Trust Funds in Hands of Town Treasurer

George Chandler, cemetery fund ..	\$115 15
George Rice, cemetery fund	115 15
N .C. Day, cemetery fund	230 28
Sally M. Page, cemetery fund	404 85
Emery Williams, cemetery fund ..	100 00
Laura E. King, cemetery fund	120 30
R. M. Priest, cemetery fund	100 00
Rufus Fletcher, cemetery fund	113 31
Daniel Dodge, cemetery fund	113 31
Julia C. Wing, cemetery fund	111 24
Samuel Hazen, cemetery fund	100 00
David Parker, cemetery fund	100 00
Loring Parker, cemetery fund	100 00
William Little, cemetery fund	112 12
Esther L. Brown, cemetery fund ..	110 10
Samuel Longley, cemetery fund ..	110 10
Luke Holden, cemetery fund	110 98
L .S. Phelps, cemetery fund	110 40
Sarah A. Mills, cemetery fund	107 96
H. A. Woods, cemetery fund	105 85
E. A. Jenkins, cemetery fund	105 85
William Sawtell, cemetery fund ..	100 00
J. C. Parsons, cemetery fund	100 00
N. C. Day, fund for worthy poor..	1,000 00

Trust Funds in Hands of International Trust Company

Longley school fund	\$6,000 00
Parker school fund	5,140 57
Gardner cemetery fund	500 00
Longley cemetery fund	500 00
Henry cemetery fund	500 00

The Treasurer asks for \$500.00 to pay note due October 27, 1911, \$500.00 to pay note due January 1, 1912, and \$450.00 for interest on town debt and temporary loans.

HERMAN S. HAZEN,
Town Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have carefully examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, School Board and Overseers of the Poor for the year ending March 1, 1911, and find them correctly kept with proper vouchers for money paid out.

We have also examined the trust funds in the hands of the Town Treasurer and find they are properly invested.

JOS. H. McCLELLAN,
FRED'K W. HOLDEN,

Auditors.

Shirley, March 6, 1911.

REPORT OF ENGINEERS

OF THE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Shirley, Mass., March 1, 1911.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Shirley:

Gentlemen—The Engineers of the Shirley Fire Department hereby submit their annual report for 1910-11:

There have been no fires of any importance in the past year and the apparatus is in good order. The company consists of thirteen men and during the summer months they practice twice each month.

Respectfully submitted,

DENNIS O'NIEL, Chief,
THOMAS J. GATELY,
WILLARD G. WHITE,

Board of Engineers.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Tax of 1909

Balance of tax due town April 1, 1909	\$2,282 30	
Interest collected.....	121 51	
	<hr/>	\$2,403 81
Abatements	\$104 95	
Paid town treasurer	2,298 86	
	<hr/>	\$2,403 81

Tax of 1910

Warrant	\$20,784 75	
Excise tax, F. & L. St. Ry. Co.	179 49	
Omitted assessment	2 48	
After assessment	33	
	<hr/>	\$20,967 05
Paid town treasurer	\$18,706 68	
Due town	2,260 37	
	<hr/>	\$20,967 05

WILLIAM H. CRAM,
Collector.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS RECORDED, 1910.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
January		
2	Blanche Madeline Allen	Joseph and Julia (Bulger)
3	Mary E. Melan	Anthony and Katyrna (Binback)
9	Walter Lucius Hewes	Nelson E. and Elizabeth K. (Holden)
10	Celia Thomas	Timothy and Mary (Bulger)
15	Ceslawa Vilkus	Antonio and Julia (Melanovitch)
17	Stillborn	
February		
5	Joseph Alfred Hachez	Joseph and Rose (Gionet)
9	Joseph Chiasson	Osius and Christine (Murray)
21	Dorothy Elizabeth Craft	James and Lydia M. (White)
22	Marie Credit Lambert	Theophile, Jr., and Palmena (Credit)
24	Mary Kuniar	Felix and Ludwika (Kuniar)
March		
21	Edmund Balhuszawicza	Pietean and Aehealtus (Agatha)
23	David Levi Dodge	Henry L. and Martha Belle (Wheeler)
31	Westley Ernest Fanion	Peter and Maggie (Dugnay)
April		
5	Ernest Ira Tremblay	Joseph E. and Bernice (Walsh)
10	Ida McNally	Charles and Mary (Comeau)
27	Joseph N. Comeau	Joseph and Celanisse (Desrolean)
May		
1	Roy Hendrick Dinsmore	George W. and Ora Emma (Hendrick)
5	Alberique Comeau	Napoleon and Marie (Lepage)
10	Hazen Wheeler	Frank H. and Amy Mabel (Carter)
15	Marie Bertha Gionet	Roger and Philomene (Chiasson)
26	Flora Beletrece Lepage	Albert A. and Mary L. (Laprade)

June

13	Eino Edward Kaski	Solomon and Helen (Kaski)
14	Anthony Hamlin Eisner	Everett and Mary (Cormier)
17	Stillborn	
26	Mary Leah Daley	Francis J. E. and Bridget F. (Gately)
28	Amielie Pautienes	Joseph and Amesrka (Steckucue)

July

9	Rodorie R. J. Lozeau	Josaphat and Marie M. (Aubut)
19	Joseph Kuto	John and Marciala (Berayakon)

August

2	Marriana Mehuanvicze	Felix and Stephanie (Czikus)
6	Mary Pricille Gionet	Charles M. and Mary (Lantaigue)
9	Albert Malski	Joseph and Anna (Wojcichoski)
15	Clarance Robert Read	Robert E. H. and Mary R. (Votour)

September

17	William E. Gionet	William and Victoria (Lambert)
18	Alfred Roberts Beach	Isley H. and Jenette (Roberts)
23	Joseph Ernest Michaud	Ernest and Marguerite (Leclair)
25	Mary Waoydikenocs	Stephen and Sophie (Milke)
27	Rosie Thomas	Joseph S. and Vegena (Lambert)

October

5	Alice Ducharm	Frank and Angelina (Cormier)
15	Mary Rose Elizabeth Cormier	John and Clarisse (Gionet)
21	Joseph Anthony Millette	David and Laura (Dupries)
31	Lester Shirley Cameron	Frank E. and Addie M. (Nutting)

November

17	Yott Mary Cartier	Oliva and Eveline (Talbot)
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December

16	Rita Armenie Quinty	Alfred and Albina (Foster)
27	Marie E. Pontbriand	Octave and Lumela (Lavelly)
29	Edward Bridgman Wheeler	Ralph S. and Clara Bernice (Young)
29	Onania Krupelky	Peter and Onie (Kwekowsky)
29	Eugene Fors Slocomb	John W. and Annie (Chandonnet)

OMITTED IN 1909.

Mary Laura Rosa Boucher	Francis C. and Laura A. (Morin)
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MARRIAGES RECORDED 1910.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.
January			
15	John Galach	25	Shirley
	Mary Froneck	20	Shirley
February			
7	Arthur J. Lemay	21	Shirley
	Laura Noe	16	Shirley
March			
22	Herbert Allen Lang	19	Candia, N. H.
	Gladys May Wood	21	Ayer
April			
9	Franciszek Nowokunski	30	Shirley
	Wiktorya Nowokunski	25	Shirley
11	Edward A. Foster	26	Shirley
	Hermine Tessier	18	Shirley
12	Fred Arseneau	25	Leominster
	Esther Gionet	21	Shirley
23	Mikolay Kijowski	22	Shirley
	Julijana Bis	19	Shirley
May			
16	Soren Christie Petersen	21	Shirley
	Sarah Beauregard	28	Lowell
30	Stanislas Forcier	22	Shirley
	Belle Aurelie Des Coteaux	21	Shirley
June			
14	Clyde A. Lesure	25	Fitchburg
	Lillian O. Jarvis	27	Shirley
18	Piter Baltusavici	28	Shirley
	Agota Yezukavicutė	20	Shirley
21	William W. Parker	50	Worcester
	Harriet (Naleton) Moore	30	Worcester
July			
5	Richard John Hargraves	63	Townsend
	Jennie Frances (Andrews) Sargent	33	Shirley

August

1	Frank Savoy	29	Athol
	Clarisse (Lantiagne) Gionet	28	Shirley
9	Athamase Perreault	21	Leominster
	Anthenia Lambert	21	Shirley
24	Shepley Wilson Ricker	23	South Berwick, Me.
	Edna Isabelle Harris	16	Shirley

September

5	Euchariste Gozeau	21	Shirley
	Elphema Heroux	18	Shirley
5	Frank Gionet	26	Shirley
	Mary Hachez	19	Shirley
19	Arthur N. Bassett	32	Shirley
	Alma Brault	20	Shirley

October

11	Warren A. Clough	27	Groton
	Cora Louise Sleeper	28	Shirley
26	Joseph P. Walsh	21	Ayer
	Paula Badstibner	22	Shirley

November

13	Eza Stotland	22	Taunton
	Sarah Cutler	21	Shirley
19	Piter Gillis	36	Shirley
	Enny Poszakarnase	30	Shirley

December

26	James A. McMillan, Jr.,	23	Lowell
	Eva O'Neill	22	Shirley
31	Arthur Henry Gaskill	30	Leominster
	Jennie (Votoer) Young	29	Shirley

DEATHS RECORDED, 1910.

DATE.	NAME.	BIRTHPLACE.	AGE.		
			Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
January					
4	John L. Farnsworth	Shirley	48	8	8
17	Stillborn	Shirley			
12	Orsamus W. Andrews	Shirley	77		
30	Sarah E. Balcom	Braintree	74	4	17

February

5	Julia Desbiens	Lowell	1	4	21
4	James Burrell	Boston	60		
8	Etta J. Wilson	Shirley		4	15
9	Jennie V. Burns	Greenfield	4	6	11
10	Gifford Scott Hocquard	Shirley		5	30
24	Mary Kuniar	Shirley			1 hr.

March

4	Alida A. Carlson	Sweden	32		
5	Marie Helene Bulger	Shirley		9	23
18	Frances Polaski	Shirley	4	10	14

April

12	Napoleon Pontbriand	Shirley	1	4	
17	Praxade Chiasson	New Brunswick	6	8	27
24	William Moody Park	Harvard	88	5	16

May

2	Georgiana D. Tetreault	Canada	47	6	1
7	Lucena Olive Balch	Royalston	84	10	
18	Albert Bodah	Canada	77		2

June

13	Emma N. Vancelette	Canada	62	9	18
17	Stillborn	Shirley			

July

7	Marcellin Poirier	Canada	48	8	7
14	Leo A. Gionet	Gardner	2		5
16	Albena Gionet	Gardner		10	9
20	Albert I. Bastien	Shirley	2		
21	Rosie Max	Shirley	1	7	5

August

2	Philomena A. Murrey	Shirley	2	8	26
3	Albert Noe	Nashua, N. H.	4	5	21
4	William R. McClellan	Canada	64	8	22
13	Irene Levesque	Lawrence		11	
13	William Willis	Boston	68	8	
15	Andrew Arthur Carpentier	Shirley	3	2	15
18	Rosie Gendron	Shirley	11	3	18
24	Joseph Michael Bulger	Shirley	3		24

September

14	Sarah K. Lawson	New Brunswick	81	6	16
23	Mary R. Cram	Picton, N. S.	82	5	29
30	L. Emogene Carter	Templeton	59	7	6

October

7	Adeline Zoe Lalone	Shirley	2	4	20
9	Mary C. Farrar	Boston	58		
12	Alice Ducharme	Shirley			7
13	Eva Blanche Devarney	Shirley		9	17
16	Amielie Pontienes	Shirley		2	13
17	Melvin W. Longley	Shirley	61	8	15

November

4	Edward Gately	Shirley	28	5	12
19	Abbie Maria Plimpton		87	1	19
23	Nellie Frances Jubb	Shirley	36	1	8

December

9	William H. Fuller	Dorchester	80	5	12
14	Frank W. Brill	South Hadley	9	4	28
23	Charles Lepage	Canada	32	2	22

NOTICE.

Errors in record or in copying can be corrected in accordance with Sec. 16, Chap. 29 of the Revised Laws, and all persons interested are respectfully requested to examine the reports of births, marriages and deaths, and report to the Town Clerk any errors or omissions, that the records may be made perfect.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish blanks for the returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and midwives.

DOG LICENSES.

Number of licenses issued, 121.

Amount paid County Treasurer, \$271.80.

Ninety-six per cent. of the above amount returned (see Town Treasurer's Report) \$260.93.

Two licenses were issued after December 1, 1910, one male and one female.

The money is in the hands of the Town Clerk and will be sent to the County Treasurer June 1, 1911.

Eighty-two hunters' licenses were issued for the year ending December 31, 1910, for which \$1.00 each was received and forwarded to the Commissioners on Fisheries and Game.

At the last November meeting the Town voted to amend Sections 1 and 2 of Article 1 of the By-Laws of the Town as follows :

Section 1 of Article 1 was amended so as to read :

Article 1, Section 1. The Annual Town Meeting shall be held the fourth Monday of March of each year.

Section 2 of Article 1 was amended so as to read :

Article 1, Section 2. The financial year of the Town shall begin with the first day of March of each year.

These amendments to the By-Laws were approved by the Attorney-General January 17, 1911, were published three times in "Turner's Public Spirit" and are now of force.

HERMAN S. HAZEN, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

By an act of the last legislature, Overseers of the Poor are prohibited from publishing the names of persons aided.

Appropriation.....		\$1,200 00
12 persons belonging to this town have received aid the past year amounting to.....	\$884 84	
6 persons belonging to the State and other towns have received aid the past year amounting to	8 50	
Amount paid for expense looking up Washington case.....	18 60	
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Total amount paid on account of poor	\$911 94	
Balance unexpended	288 06	
	<hr/>	\$1,200 00
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Amount due from the State.....	\$4 50	
Amount due from Fitchburg.....	4 00	
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	\$8 50	
Shirley net expense account of poor	\$903 44	
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	\$911 94	

The Nathaniel Day fund is properly invested; from the accrued interest of \$120.14, \$25.00 has been paid leaving \$95.14 in the hands of the Town Treasurer subject to the order of the Overseers of the Poor.

WILLIAM E. BARNARD,

JOHN E. L. HAZEN,

Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		\$100 00
G. M. Ballou, repairing tools.....	\$1 45	
Thomas Landry, cutting brush....	21 88	
Harold Landry, cutting brush....	7 00	
Frank Gionet, cutting brush.....	17 50	
Joseph Gionet, cutting brush.....	10 50	
Geo. E. Harlow, cutting brush....	25 38	
Joseph Tessier, trimming trees....	80	
Joseph Provencial, trimming trees	1 80	
Joseph Lozeau, trimming trees....	1 00	
Israel Shino, trimming trees.....	80	
Adolphus Ebare, trimming trees..	50	
William H. Cram, team.....	1 50	
	<hr/> \$90 11	
Balance unexpended.....	9 89	
	<hr/>	\$100 00

During the past year shade trees along the high-ways have been trimmed and brush cut. The larger part of the appropriation was used to remove brush. The unexpended balance was reserved for bills which were not presented before accounts closed.

Owing to the small amount appropriated no new trees were set out as it was necessary to use all the money to remove brush and trim trees. The Tree Warden has charged nothing for his time and services.

JOHN E. L. HAZEN, Tree Warden.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The annual report of the Trustees of the Shirley Public Library is herewith submitted:

We are indebted to Mr. Herbert M. Dickson for fifty dollars (\$50.00) worth of carefully selected books. Also, for books received from Mrs. Byram, Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Flora Snell Allen, Miss Annie Snell, Mrs. E. E. Edgerton, James Melvin, James T. Richardson, Miss Grace Kilburn and a volume of "Bacon is Shakespeare" from the author, Sir Edwin Durning Lawrence, Bart. Magazines from Miss Gertrude Conant and from Mrs. Hittie W. Evans, her annual subscription for several of the current magazines. Official documents from Boston and Washington. An oil portrait of Mrs. Sherman bequeathed by her daughter, Mrs. Mary Willard Howard. A pen and ink drawing of the first fire engine used in Boston, done by M. Andrew Lynch, presented by his wife, Mrs. Cynthia Lynch. A rifle—quite historic—presented by Mr. F. E. Merriman, the same having been presented to Mr. Merriman by a citizen of Lawrence, Kansas, who used this rifle for protection at the time of Quantrell's raid and the burning of Lawrence.

We have been favored with the loan of an unusual number of valuable pictures from the Woman's Educational Association.

We wish the public might visit the Library more frequently when these pictures are on exhibition, as we

are confident they would be well repaid in the pleasure as well as benefit derived for their trouble.

We feel sure that the citizens will continue their hearty support and co-operation that the Library may maintain its present standard of excellence in serving the best interests of the town.

MARY M. NICKLESS, Secretary,

For the Trustees.

March 12, 1911.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

The Librarian presents the following report for the fiscal year of eleven months ending March 1st, 1911:

Number of books now in the library, 4975.

Number added during the year, 234.

By purchase, 135.

By gift, 99.

Number of days the library has been open, 94.

The number of books taken out during the year, 8600. The largest number in any one month, 960.

These figures show but a part of the library's influence, for it is increasingly used for reference work, especially by the pupils and teachers of the public schools.

Every effort has been to make the library a positive influence for the moral and intellectual uplift of the community rather than a mere store house of books.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE L. WRIGHT, Librarian.

FICTION

Abbott, E. H.	Molly make-believe	Ab2
Arthur, T. S.	Ten nights in a bar-room	Ar7te
Barclay, F.	The rosary	B23
	Mistress of Shenstone	B23m
Barr, A. E.	Reconstructed marriage	B27rec
Bindloss, H.	The gold trail	B51.1
Bosher, K. L.	Mary Carey	B65
Brown, A.	Country neighbors	B81c
	John Winterbourne's family	B81j
Brown, D. and K.	The Duke's price	B81.2
Buckley, E. E.	The snare of circumstance	B86
Burnett, F. H.	In connection with the De Will- oughby claim	B93.1de
Burnham, C. L.	Clever Betsy	B93be
Chesnutt, C. U.	House behind the cedars	C42.3
Chester, G. R.	The early bird	C42.2
Churchill, W.	Modern chronicle	C47mo
Comfort, L. U.	Routledge rides alone	C73
Connolly, J. B.	Open water	C76.1o
Connor, R.	The foreigner	C76f
Crawford, F. M.	The undersirable governess	C85u
Cummins, M. S.	The lamplighter	C91
Dacket, C.	Morchester	D26.1
Day, H.	The ramrodder	D33r
Deland, M.	Where the laborers are few	D37w
DeMorgan, W.	It never can happen again	D39.2i
Eggleston, G. C.	Southern soldier stories	Eg3.1
Forman, J. M.	Bianca's daughter	F74.1b
Gale, Z.	Friendship village love stories	G13.1f
	Loves of Pelleas and Etarre	G13.1l
Garland, H.	Cavanaugh, forest ranger	G19c
	Hesper	G19h
Grenfell, W. T.	Down to the sea	G86.1d
Hannis, M.	Emancipation of Miss Susana	H19

Hay, I. A man's man	H33:4
Kingsley, F. M. Those Brewster children	K61.2b
Lee, J. Happy island	L51.1
Uncle William	L51.1u
Lincoln, J. The depot master	L63d
Lloyd, J. U. Springtime on the pike	L77.1
Lyle, E. P. Blaze Derringer	L98.1b
McCutcheon, G. B. The rose in the ring	M13.5ro
MacGrath, H. Splendid hazard	M17.1s
Mason, G. S. The God-parents	M37g
Mitchell, S. W. The guillotine club	M68g
Montgomery, L. M. Kilmeney of the orchard	M76k
Oppenheim, E. P. The illustrious Prince	Op5i
Parker, G. Cumner's son	P22c
Partridge, A. Passers by	P25p
Reed, M. Shadow of victory	R25.2sh
Roberts, E. One of earth's daughters	R54.7
Roberts, G. E. T. A cavalier of Virginia	R54.6
Royle, E. M. The silent call	R81.1s
Russell, C. W. The captain's wife	R91.1
Savile, F. The pursuit	Sa9.1
Smith, F. H. Colonel Carter of Cartersville	Sm5co
Sutcliffe, H. A winter's comedy	Su8.1
Tarkington, B. Beasley's Christmas party	T17b
Townley, H. Gay Lord Waring	T66.2
Waller, M. E. Flamsted quarries	W15.2f
Ward, Mrs. H. Lady Merton, colonist	W21la
Watts, M. S. Nathan Burke	W29.1
Webster, H. K. The sky-man	W39s
Wells, H. G. History of Mr. Polly	W46.1p
White, S. E. Rules of the game	W58.1g
Wilkins, M. E. (Mrs. Freeman). The winning lady	W65wi
Wright, H. B. The calling of Dan Matthews	W93.2c
The shepherd of the hills	W93.2
Wild olive	o wi

JUVENILE

Allen, W. B.	Christmas evergreens	j A15ch
	Creeping Jenny	j A15c
	Danger signal	j A15d
	Fir boughs	j A15f
	Leaf of laurel	j A15le
	Lost on the mountain	j A15l
	The mountaineers	j A15
	Pineboro Quartette	j A15p
	Princes pine	j A15pr
	Son of liberty	j A15s
	Winnie's black dog	j A15w
	Mountaineers at school	j A15in
Baldwin, J.	Fifty famous stories retold	j 900
Blaisdell, A. F.	Hero stories from American history	j 973e
Brooks, E. S.	Century book of famous Americans	j 917.3
Brown, A. F.	Tales of red children	j B82.1
Bryant, A. B.	Fairy sister	j B84f
	Kitty wink's lesson	j B84k
	Playing minister	j B84p
Barnett, F. H.	Barty Crusoe and his man Friday	j B93b
	The good wolf	j B93g
Byron, M.	Bo-peep	j B99
Coffin, C. C.	Old times in the colonies	j 973.2
Douglas, A. M.	Helen Grant in college	j D74co
	Helen Grant, senior	j D74se
	Helen Grant, graduate	j D74gr
Dudley, A. T.	With mask and mitt	j D86w
Finnemore, J.	Peeps at many lands—England	j 942c
	Peeps at many lands—The holy land	j 956.9
	Peeps at many lands—Iceland	j 949.1
	Peeps at many lands—Italy	j 945
	Peeps at many lands—Jamaica	j 972.9a

Peeps at many lands—Japan	j 952
Peeps at many lands—Portugal	j 946.9
France, A. Nos Enfants	j F84e
Gulliver, L. Over the nonsense road	j G95
Hamilton, K. W. Making things right	j H18.1
The Kinkaid venture	j H18.1k
Howard, F. W. Banbury Cross stories	j B83
Johnson, C. When mother lets us help	j 396.6
Kellogg, V. L. Insect stories	j 595.7
Kipling, R. Just so stories	j R62jo
Rewards and fairies	j R62re
Knipe, E. B. Little Miss Fales	j K74
Lang, A. Pink fairy book	j 398h
Violet fairy book	j 398i
Stories or classic myths	j 291
Mabie, H. W. Legends every child should know	j 398g
McDonald, E. B. Fritz in Germany	j 943a
McManus, B. Our little Egyptian cousin	j 962
Morse, L. Stories of chivalry	j 940.4a
Otis, J. How Tommy saved the barn	j Ot4to
Paine, R. D. The head coach	j P16h
Pier, A. S. Crashaw brothers	j P16e
Potter, B. Mrs. Tittlemouse	j P85mrs
Richards, L. E. Tot's merry winter	j R39to
Roulet, M. F. N. Our little Brazilian cousin	j 981
Our little Spanish cousin	j 946
Our little Hungarian cousin	j 943.91
Ruyl, B. B. Indian maidens	j 970.1a
Sidney, M. Ben Peppers	j S11b
Five little Peppers in the little brown house	j S11f
Smith, G. Lovable story of Janey, Josie and Joe	j Sm5l
Stein, E. Stories of middle ages	j 940.1
Stratmeyer, E. Defending his flag	j St8.1de
Tappan, E. M. American hero stories	j T16c

Tomlinson, E. T. Light horse Harry legion	j T59li
Ward Hill at Weston	j T59wa
Winning his "W"	j T59wi
Young blockaders	j T59yo
Wells, C. Dick and Dolly's adventures	j W46d
All change here	j o al
Chatterbox 1909	j C1909
Chatterbox 1910	j C1910
Grimm's fairy tales	j 398j
Miss Robinson Crusoe	j o mi
Sinbad, the sailor	j o si

BIOGRAPHY

Conway, K. Charles Frances Donnelly	C74D
Gladden, W. Recollections	G45G
Harland, M. (Mrs. Terhune). Autobiography	H22.1H
Hill F. T. On the trail of Washington	H55W
Howe, S. G. Servant of humanity—Life of Samuel Gridley Howe	H38.1H
Stanley, H. M. Autobiography	St2St
Villard, O. G. John Brown	V71B
Whiting, L. Louise Chandler Moulton	W58.1M

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Adams, J. The spirit of youth and the city streets	173f
Bolton, C. K. Scotch-Irish pioneers	973.2x
Camp, S. G. Fishing—Kits and equipment	799d
Clarke, H. A. Longfellow's country	800h
Ancient myths and modern poets	821.09
Crawford, M. C. Old Boston days and ways	974.46h
Drake, S. A. New England legends	973.2ll
Fillebrown, R. H. M. Rhymes of happy childhood	811.49s
Ford, S. A few remarks	817.4a
Yale, E. J. Pewter and the amateur collector	645b
Gordon, S. A. Religion and miracle	231.7a

Grenfell, W. Labrador	971.9
Hare, T. L. Reynolds	750g
Millet	750f
Hunter, R. Poverty	339a
Jordan, W. G. Little problems of married life	173g
King, H. C. Ethics of Jesus	232a
LeRow, C. B. Pieces for every occasion	810.8d
Leupp, F. The Indian and his problem	570.1i
Long, W. G. Ways of wood folk	599f
Lowell, P. Evolution of worlds	520f
MacKaye, P. A garland for Sylvia	812.4c
Marks, J. Holidays with the birds	598.2g
Parkman, F. Conspiracy of Pontiac	973.2v
Count Frontenac	971c
La Salle	973.2w
The old regime in Canada	971b
The Oregon trail	917.8c
Peabody, F. G. Approach to the social question	300
Peary, R. E. The north pole	919.8d
Perkins, A. Vocations for trained women	331.4a
Rhodes, J. F. History of the United States, 1850-1877, 7 vols.	973.71d
Serviss, G. P. Round the year with the stars	523.8b
Spears, J. R. Story of the American merchant marine	387a
Sykes, E. C. Russia and its people	955a
Thompson, S. Railway library	656a
Van Dyke, J. C. New New York	974.71
Van Dyke, H. Spirit of America	804f
Wallace, D. Beyond the Mexican Sierras	917.2
Weir, H. C. Conquest of the Isthmus	986a
Winchester, C. T. Group of English essayists	824.7a

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The past year has been very free from contagious and communicable disease, with the exception of an epidemic of dysentery.

There have been a few sporadic cases of diphtheria and quite a few cases of mumps and chicken pox reported. During the latter part of the summer, the time by the way when the flies are most plentiful, we had an outbreak of epidemic dysentery, a very rare disease in our climate. However, during the past summer there have been outbreaks in several towns in Massachusetts very similar to the one which we encountered. The disease manifested itself by a chill, high temperature and discharge from the bowels of blood and mucus. As the disease progressed the writer called in Dr. Simpson of Lowell, who is inspector of this district, for the State Board of Health.

Dr. Simpson quite agreed with the local board that the disease was carried by flies that had access to open privies. As Dr. Simpson very aptly puts it, "Filth, flies and disease," which saying in the opinion of most medical men is very true.

An inspection of the privies in the infected districts showed a deplorable condition, many of them are built of wood on a level with the ground and the walls and covers either rotted away or pulled apart through care-

lessness. The Board of Health, after their inspection, passed an order to the effect that all privies in the village or any other closely settled part of the town must be built of concrete, brick, or stone, and must be properly covered in such a way that flies will have no access to them. It is a very pertinent fact that as soon as the flies disappeared the epidemic ceased.

The Board of Health also ordered all privies cleaned once in three months.

The time is soon coming when the Village district will be obliged to have sewers and it will be well to plan ahead for such a contingency.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS E. LILLY, M. D.,

Agent for the Board of Health.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
MIDDLESEX SS.

*To Herman S. Hazen, Clerk of the Town of Shirley in
said County.*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required, by posting an attested copy of this warrant at the Post Office in Shirley Center and a like copy at the Post Office in Shirley Village, eight days, at least, before the time herein appointed for the meeting, to notify and warn all the legal voters of said town to assemble in the Town Hall on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of March, 1911, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon to give in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, two Auditors and three Constables for one year ; one School Committee for two years ; one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, one School Committee, and two Library Trustees for three years, also to vote Yes or No on the question : " Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ? " The polls will be open at eleven o'clock and thirty minutes

A. M., and may be closed at three o'clock and thirty minutes P. M., of said day; also to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To choose all officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, School Committee, and other town officers or committees, and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, the poor, highways and bridges, fire department, enforcement of law, library, payment of notes and interest, cemeteries, Memorial Day, street lights, salaries of officers, Tree Warden, exterminating moths, transportation of library books, transportation of voters from Shirley Village to the Town House, and all necessary and incidental expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see what action the town will take relative to the collection of taxes.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to fix the salary of the Tax Collector, or act thereon.

Art. 7. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current municipal year, beginning March 1st, 1911, in anticipation of taxes for said municipal year, such sums of money as may be nec-

essary for the current expenses of the town, giving the notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the dates thereof.

Art. 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1200.00) for hydrant service for the year 1911-12 or act in relation thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for a School Physician, in compliance with Chap. 502 of the Acts of 1906, or act thereon.

Art. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) to enforce the liquor law, or act thereon.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for the purchase of forest fire fighting equipment for use by the Forest Warden.

Art. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to shingle the engine house, or take any action thereon.

Art. 13. To see if the town will accept the sum of one hundred dollars for care of the Dr. A. A. Plimpton Lot in Village Cemetery, or act relating thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to support an electric light on Groton Road, near West Groton bridge, or act thereon.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars for the purpose

of extending the cement sidewalk from a point at or near the Granite Arch bridge, thence southerly on Lancaster Road, on the easterly side thereof to a point at or near the Public Library, or act thereon.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote that if the town, at the annual town meeting to be held March 27, 1911, shall vote to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, that the sum of nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of providing police protection, or act thereon.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred dollars for the purpose of providing police protection, and that a non-resident be secured for such office, or act thereon.

Art. 18. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to purchase the note of three thousand dollars, held by Leominster Savings Bank, and give in payment therefor five notes of six hundred dollars each, one to be payable January 15, 1915, and one on January 15th of each year thereafter, or take any action thereon.

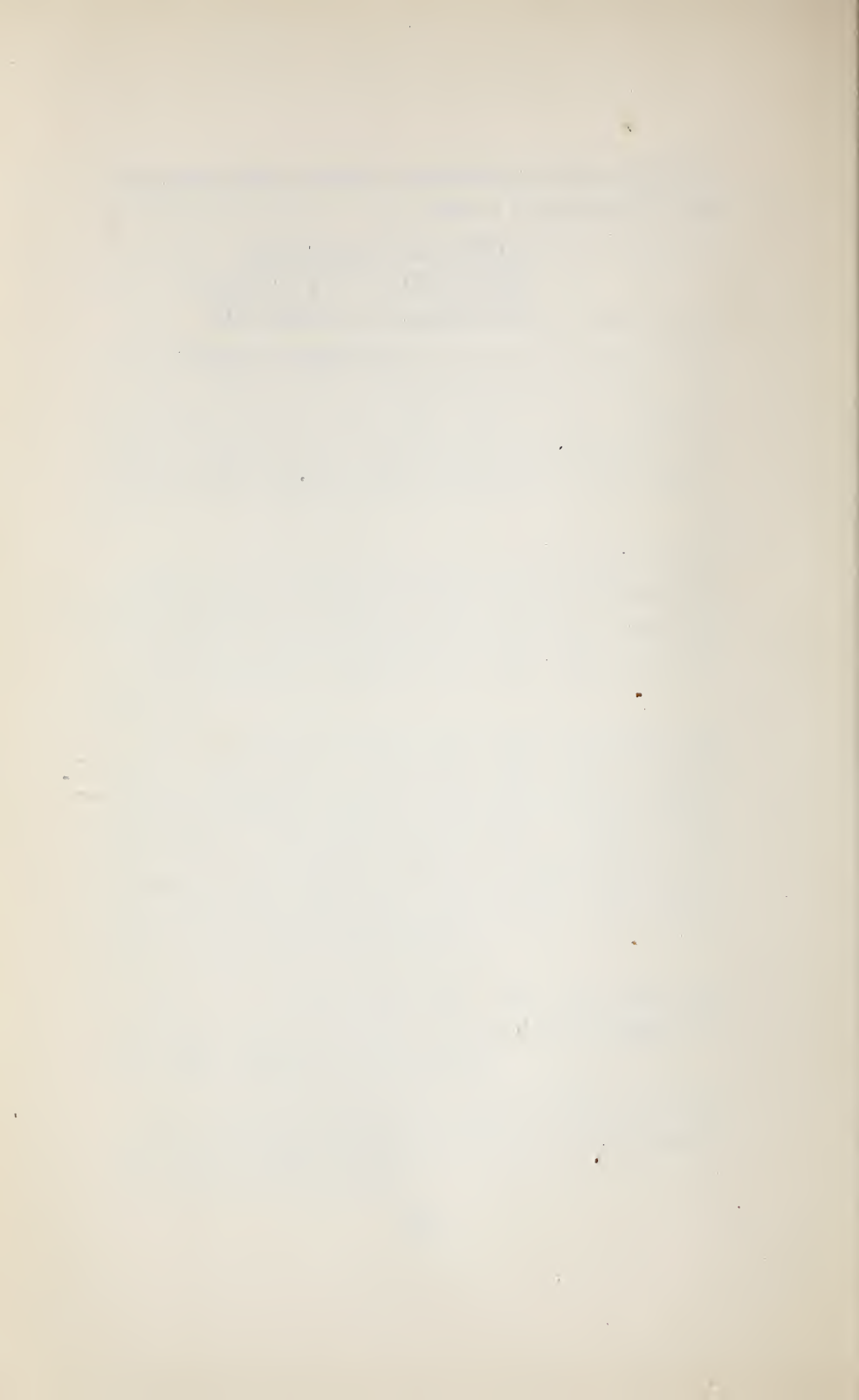
Art. 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair the bridge on the Shaker Road, or act thereon.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to one of the Selectmen at or before said meeting.

Given under our hands at Shirley, this thirteenth
day of March, A. D. 1911.

JOHN W. FARRAR,
EDWARD J. STEVENS,
GEORGE E. HARLOW,

SELECTMEN OF SHIRLEY.



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
Superintendent of Schools
OF THE
TOWN of SHIRLEY
For the Year 1910=1911



AYER, MASS.
HUNTLEY S. TURNER, PRINTER

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

CHARLES H. WEARE, JR.	Term expires 1911
W. H. WILBUR	Term expires 1911
DR. T. E. LILLY	Term expires 1912

ORGANIZATION

W. H. Wilbur, Secretary and Supply Agent
Dr. T. E. Lilly, Chairman
Charles H. Weare, Jr.

Time and Place of Meeting

At the residence of Chairman at 7.30 P. M., on the third
Wednesday of each month except July and August.

Superintendent, F. C. Johnson

Residence, Ayer, Mass.

Office Hours: Wednesdays, 2.30 to 3.30 P. M., during
term time at New School Building

Truant Officers

O. W. Balcom

W. E. Barnard

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee herewith render their report for the year ending February 28, 1911:

Your committee find the schools of the town in very good condition. Despite the fact that there have been several changes in teachers, all due in fact, to more lucrative positions having been offered them, the work has gone along excellently, showing that a certain "esprit du corps" is maintained in the different grades.

The most difficult problem your committee have to face at present are high school accommodations and the transportation of children who reside at a distance from the schools. The high school problem is two-fold. There is no question but that in the near future our present accommodations for the high school will be inadequate and as the superintendent states in his report, it is only a question of time when a new building will be necessary. In view of this fact it is well to be cautious in the matter of expending too much on the repair or transformation of old buildings.

The matter of transportation has always been a vexing one. How to get the best service at the least expense has given us great concern, and we are directing all our energies toward concentrating the routes.

Having been ordered to install a fire escape by the State police, who have arbitrary power in such matters, your committee have had a fire escape built on the east side of the new school building, and arrangements have been made for a fire drill at various times in order

that if a fire occurred the children would have no knowledge of it until they have emerged from the building.

In relation to the high school, it is the intention of the committee to make the course as practical as possible. We contemplate installing a very complete commercial course in order to enable those of our children, who formerly were obliged to attend commercial schools at their own expense, to acquire their education at home. There is also a plan to give as much of a technical education as it is possible for a town of our size to give.

One very good innovation has been established this year, that of manual training. Our teacher in drawing, Miss Staples, fortunately is well trained in this particular branch and we have aided in every possible way to develop it. The boys have had the use of the so-called No. 8 schoolhouse for their carpentry and are making excellent use of it.

The girls are taking up other branches of industry as you will see by the superintendent's report.

We earnestly hope to give the children at the Center school the same advantage in the industrial line as the children of the Village enjoy. An endeavor will be made the coming year to bring this about. Mr. Johnson, in his report, has given all details about changes of teachers and course of study.

By a vote of the town at the last annual town meeting, the committee was authorized to install flush closets in the new school building, so-called.

By a vote of the committee, Mr. Charles H. Weare, Jr., was appointed a committee of one to supervise the same. Mr. Weare's report is hereby appended:

March 2, 1911.

At the beginning of the Fall term of school the installation of modern flush closets to supersede the old-

style closets was undertaken at the new Village school building, an appropriation of \$500.00 having been made at the annual Town Meeting in April, 1910, for said purpose. Some progress was made in this line in the early part of the summer vacation, but with the resignation of Mr. Taylor, as a member of the school committee, the matter was delayed for some time.

Other delay was caused in efforts being made to get a satisfactory piece of work done for the amount of the appropriation made for the same, but as this was impossible, it was decided to go ahead with the work as planned and do the work as reasonably as possible, consistent with modern practice.

A contract was made with Daniel Credit to build a large cesspool on the land at the rear of the school building, which was built early in the fall.

A contract was then made with Cragin & Wilkins of Leominster for the installation of the flush closets and all the inside work connected therewith, with the understanding that the schools would be closed for two weeks at the Thanksgiving vacation to permit of this work without interference with the school work.

This work was executed in contract time and in a very satisfactory manner since which time the closets have been giving good satisfaction and must be considered a great improvement and are in the line of modern practice where running water is available.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. LILLY,
W. H. WILBUR.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Appropriations—Schools	\$3,200 00	
Superintendent	250 00	
Transportation	1,500 00	
Fuel	400 00	
Supplies	450 00	
Incidentals	250 00	
Superintendent	250 00	
Longley fund	232 73	
Parker fund	205 54	
Massachusetts school fund	938 41	
Massachusetts school fund, cash on hand	04	
Massachusetts, account high school	500 00	
Account fire escape	175 00	
Water closets	500 00	
School physician	50 00	
F A. Lawton, tuition	10 00	
Sale of old junk	1 29	
		\$8,913 01

Expenditures

For schools	\$4,153 90	
Transportation	1,605 69	
Superintendent	433 35	
Fuel	330 58	
Tuition	11 00	
Supplies	498 38	
Incidentals	116 25	
Water closets	595 56	
Fire escape	180 00	
Massachusetts school fund....	419 73	
School physician	50 00	
Cash on hand, Mass. school fund	518 57	
		\$8,394 44

SCHOOLS

Appropriation	\$3,200 00	
Longley fund	232 73	
Parker fund	205 54	
High school fund from State	500 00	
Overdrawn	15 63	
	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/>	\$4,153 90

Paid Shipley W. Ricker	\$270 00	
William J. Crommett	450 00	
Mildred Daniels	400 00	
Margaret J. McMillan	505 00	
Nellie F. Cronin	348 00	
Julia F. Rynn	337 00	
Lura A. White	382 00	
Nellie McNiff	20 00	
Leona M. Foster	132 00	
Mary M. Prescott	363 00	
Florence Gibbs	160 80	
Ruth E. Clark	6 60	
Almier Bowles	99 00	
Emily L. Haines, drawing	12 00	
Nettie L. Green, music	115 00	
Bernice E. Staples, drawing ..	80 00	
O. W. Balcom, janitor	290 50	
W. E. Barnard, janitor	100 50	
A. A. Bronsdon, census	10 00	
Dr. T. E. Lilly, school commit- tee	22 50	
W. H. Wilbur, school commit- tee	50 00	
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Superintendent of Schools

Appropriation	\$250 00	
Received from G. H. Brown, secretary	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$500 00
Paid F. C. Johnson	\$433 35	
Unexpended	66 65	
	<hr/>	\$500 00

Fuel

Appropriation		\$400 00
Paid G. Fairbanks, wood	\$63 50	
Hazen & Nickless, coal.....	267 08	
Unexpended	69 42	
	<hr/>	\$400 00

Tuition

Appropriation	\$00 00	
Received from F. A. Lawton	10 00	
Overdrawn	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$11 00
Paid town of Groton		\$11 00

Transportation

Appropriation	\$1,500 00	
Overdrawn	105 69	
	<hr/>	\$1,605 69
Paid F. E. Kemp	\$152 64	
Annie E. Ward	292 40	
Frank Onners	84 00	
John Leahy	144 00	

G. S. Wells, (\$158.75 last year account)	313 25	
W. H. Wilbur, electric railroad tickets	11 40	
A. L Parker	370 50	
George H. Adams	220 00	
William Brill	17 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,605 69

School Supplies

Appropriation	\$450 00	
Overdrawn	43 38	
	<hr/>	\$498 38

Paid D. C. Heath, supplies.....	\$6 99	
E. E. Babb & Co., supplies	126 89	
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies ..	51 50	
Ginn & Co., supplies	79 84	
Milton Bradley, supplies	4 26	
Allyn & Bacon, supplies	1 50	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., supplies	22 32	
H. S. Turner, printing	25 55	
Emily L. Haines, drawing sup- plies	12 00	
Brockelman Bros., supplies ...	1 90	
Nettie L. Green, music supplies	14 70	
George Robbins & Co., oil	2 25	
N. E. Reed Co., supplies	3 38	
American Book Co., supplies..	22 64	
Sigsbee Co., flags	5 91	
H. C. Doherty, oil	13 50	
Silver Burdett, supplies	11 25	
William Sargent, supplies	2 75	
Bernice E. Staples, supplies..	2 22	

U. S. Envelope Co., paper	6 00	
F. H. Cook & Co., supplies	3 50	
Conant Bros. & Co., supplies . .	20 80	
Little, Brown & Co., supplies..	12 80	
Worcester Hardware Co., sup- plies	36 71	
Houghton, Mifflin Co., supplies	7 22	
	<hr/>	\$498 38

Incidentals and Repairs

Appropriation		\$250 00
Paid W. H. Wilbur, freight and express	\$18 56	
J. Comeau, cleaning vaults . .	5 00	
H. W. McCoy, repairing flag pole	4 95	
F. C. Johnson, looking up teachers and supplies	13 63	
C. H. Weare, Jr., rent of hall	4 50	
A. Provost, painting	3 74	
O. W. Balcom, repairs, etc. . .	18 85	
W. E. Barnard, repairs, etc. . .	5 80	
Shirley Village Water District, water	16 00	
W. E. Mellish, repairs.	6 60	
G. M. Ballou, lumber	12 65	
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies..	5 97	
Unexpended	133 75	
	<hr/>	\$250 00

Fire Escape

Appropriation	\$175 00	
Overdrawn	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$180 00

Paid A. E. Felch.....	\$170 00	
A. E. Felch.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$180 00

Installation of Water Closets at New School Building

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Overdrawn	95 56	
	<hr/>	\$595 56
Paid Daniel Credit, cesspool	\$108 00	
C. H. Weare, Jr., plans, specifications and oversight of work	33 70	
Cragin & Wilkins, plumbing ..	453 86	
	<hr/>	\$595 56

School Physician

Appropriation	\$50 00
Dr. T. E. Lilly	\$50 00

Massachusetts School Fund

Cash on hand from 1910	\$ 04	
Received from the State	938 41	
	<hr/>	\$938 45
Paid E. E. Babb & Co., supplies ..	\$6 03	
Sigsbee Co., repairs to flag ..	50	
Brockelman Bros.,	20	
William G. Crommett, teaching	90 00	
Milred E. Daniels, teaching ..	50 00	
Margaret J. McMillan, teaching	65 00	
Nellie F. Cronin, teaching	48 00	
Julia F. Rynn, teaching	48 00	
Lura A. White, teaching	50 00	
Nettie L. Green, music	10 00	
Bernice E. Staples drawing ..	16 00	
O. W. Balcom, janitor	36 00	
Cash on hand	518 72	
	<hr/>	\$938 45

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Members of the Committee:

In this report I wish to emphasize a few of the more vital factors of our school administration. To that end it will be desirable to omit entirely or treat lightly those details of the school work which are familiar to all.

Several changes took place in the teaching force at the end of the year. Mr. William G. Crommett, a graduate of Bates College, with a year of successful experience as principal, was elected principal of the High school to succeed Shipley W. Ricker. Miss Florence E. Gibbs, a teacher of three years' experience, and with training at the Hyannis summer school, was secured to succeed Miss Leona E. Foster as principal of the Center school. Miss Gibbs accepted a position nearer Boston during the present term and was succeeded by Miss Alma Bowles, a graduate of Fitchburg Normal school. Miss Bernice E. Staples, a graduate of Lowell Normal school, with two years' experience as a grade teacher, and also a graduate of the State Normal Art School, with one year's experience as a supervisor, was elected to the position of Supervisor of Drawing, formerly held by Miss Emily Haines. Miss Nellie Cronin of grades five and six has just been elected to a position in Waverley. Her successor has not yet been appointed.

The most striking feature of the present year's work is the introduction of bench work for the boys, and book binding for the girls in grades seven and eight. There

has also been a larger amount of construction work in all the grades than heretofore.

A sum of less than forty dollars was spent for tools. The little brick school building was opened up and the boys set to work making their own benches and horses. These are about completed at the present time and work demanding more careful use of tools will be introduced next. The work accomplished so far has been inspected by Mr. Burnham of the State Board for the Introduction of the Manual Arts, and approved.

An exhibition of this and other parts of the manual training work will probably be held before the close of the school year, in order to give the townspeople an opportunity to see its development.

This bench work should be extended to the High school as fast as is practicable with the time of the special teacher at our command. Corresponding work in book binding, sewing and other household economy should be given to the girls. As a step in this direction, a room for a kitchen could be fitted up by the boys in the manual training classes, in one corner of the brick school-house. The full development of this work will demand more time than we now have from the special teacher—one day per week for drawing and manual training. A special teacher in each line of work, one for the girls and one for the boys, will sometime be demanded. But the interest shown by the pupils, the evident need of most of them for this kind of work, and its helpfulness both as a needed supplement to the more purely book work and as a general training for more highly specialized vocational work, justify the careful attention of us all.

An unfortunate limitation of the bench work is that it cannot be provided for the upper grades at the Center school. In order to give the boys in these grades at the Center some hand work, book binding has been in-

troduced for both sexes. But this will not be as adapted to the needs of the boys as the bench work would be.

However, as these boys come from the farms it may be wise to provide other than mere mechanical work for them. There seems to be a splendid opportunity for the practice of forestry and agriculture afforded by the presence near the school at the Center of several acres of land belonging, I am told, to the town. If it proves that this lot is available for school use I shall try to initiate some work in this direction as soon as meets your approval.

With the purpose of getting information that will help toward determining the character of our High school curricula I have taken statistics among the four classes of the High school and also in the two grades of the grammar school. Following are the results for the thirty-eight answers in the High school:

To complete course, 32	Not to complete course, 6
Of this number:	Of these:
Going to college, 8	Going to business school, 3
Going to normal, 5	Going on railroad, 1
Going to college or normal, 2	Going to become machin-
Going to business school, 5	ist, 1
To become trained nurses, 2	Doubtful, 1
To study music, 1	
Going on railroad, 1	
Doubtful, 8	

Of the thirty-two answers in the grammar school, eighteen expect to enter High school, nine do not intend to do so, and five are doubtful. These latter are doubtful, in general, in regard to their future plans. Of the others the results are as follows:

Of the eighteen to enter High school:

To complete course, 14	Not to complete course, 1
Of the 14:	This one intends to go into
Going to college, 7	a store.
Going to business school, 1	
Going to normal school, 4	
Doubtful, 2	

Of the nine not intending to enter High school:

Business college, 3	Machinist or carpenter, 1
Shop, 1	Farm, 2
Cooking school, 1	Railroad, 1

It appears then that of those now in High school a good preparatory course for college or normal school, together with a business course would meet the demands of about all. Of those in the grammar school not going to High school, one-third would be accommodated by a business course in the High school. And the two courses suggested would meet the demands of all those intending to enter High school and having their plans formed. A hasty conclusion might be that we should therefore fix upon two courses, one preparatory for college or normal school, the other, a strictly business course. And this may be the proper thing to do.

However, it may be well to ask how far our present courses limit and influence the choice of the pupils. It does not appear that many are dropping out between the grades and the High school who would be kept in by a more strictly vocational course. Yet in both these courses it may be our duty to arrange our curricula so as to lead, not only to the college, but also to the vocational world.

I throw out these suggestions as well worth our earnest attention. Further help to the proper solution

of our problem I hope to get from Mr. William Orr, Deputy Commissioner of Education, who has promised me to visit us, with this one point in view, of advising us in relation to the work of the High school.

Whatever may be the outcome as to curricula, it is evident that we must soon provide more room and another assistant for the High school. More room is not available in the present building without removing the grammar school; and we have no place to put it should it be moved. Moreover, the present building, while sufficient for our needs while developing the mere organization of a school, is not suited for any extended growth, by reason of lack of laboratory and recitation rooms. It would be well therefore to realize that in a few years a new school building will be necessary. And as the High school will form an important part of such a building, grounds large enough to form a baseball diamond should be provided. I bespeak for this need the careful attention of every supporter of our schools to the end that there may be a wise provision for usefulness and growth in such a building as may be erected.

The physical conditions of the Church Street school building have been improved by the introduction of flush closets, provided for at the last annual meeting. They have proved their worth.

A considerable criticism of various towns throughout the State has been recently made as a result of the study of one of the agents of the State Board of Education regarding medical inspection in our schools. He finds in many instances a lack of compliance with the law. This law specifically states that the school physician shall examine each pupil at least once a year, besides passing on cases referred to him by the teachers and by the officer who signs labor certificates.

As a result of this discovery of a general failure to

comply with the law, it is likely that new legislation will be passed in the near future remedying the weaknesses of the present law. I trust the report of our school physician will show that we have complied with the law in this very important feature of our school work.

Our regular work has been carried on along lines similar to those of past years. Possibly two things are worth noting in this line. First, we are using, with unusually good results, a very large and free handwriting in the primary school. This gradually decreases in the size of the letters as the child advances through the grades. The justification of such a procedure is found in the fact that the child gets control of the larger muscles first. Hence his finer muscles are not in a condition of co-ordination to enable him to write the small letter of the adult without undue cramp and strain.

The second fact to note is that in the work in arithmetic we are trying to do somewhat more work in the first six years in order to lessen the tremendous pressure that has been necessary in the grammar room heretofore.

I call attention to the reports of the Principal of the High school and of the Supervisors of Music and Drawing which accompany this. They are well worth careful reading, representing as they do two very important expression subjects of the curriculum.

I take pleasure in recording my appreciation of the good solid work that is being done throughout the schools, and of the good discipline that is maintained. And I take pride in giving credit for this to the teachers who act wisely and discreetly, and to the School Committee for their hearty support.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. JOHNSON.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL

F. C. Johnson, Seperintendent of Schools:

The present High School year began with the usual enrollment of 38. It is well to note, too, that the graduating class will exceed the average of preceding years, being seven in number.

A special aim this year has been to make the periods of class room study count for as much as possible. Under the existing time schedule the number of study periods for each student average about one for every recitation period. It must not be argued that this apparent abundance of time for study in school does away with the necessity for home study. The two are interdependent and what is lacking in one should be made up in the other. The great importance, however, of class room study lies in the fact that it embraces the very structure of discipline. It turns what might be wasted time to good account. It makes way for a continuous absorption of the pupils in some work, either of study or of recitation.

The work of the assistant teacher is commendable. Her aid in arranging the routine work at the beginning of the year was indispensable.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. G. CROMMETT.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Mr. F. C. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools:

During the past year the work in music in the schools of Shirley has been as usual.

Last June the High school made a very creditable showing at the graduation exercises, especially considering the fact that they practiced only once in two weeks.

The introduction of the Harmonic Series of music readers in all of the schools at the beginning of the school year has proved to be of benefit to the children.

I was very much pleased at the interest shown by the pupils in the grammar school when I requested them to purchase for themselves a copy of either the "Blue" or "Red" song book for supplementary work. The "Blue" contains well-known songs, such as "The Blue Bells of Scotland," "The Suwanee River," "Home, Sweet Home," etc. The "Red" contains a few of these songs and many hymns suitable for morning exercises. Nearly every pupil responded and the school is doing excellent work with these songs.

In December we tried the plan of combining the High school and grammar schools and arranged four numbers of music for their Christmas exercises. The result was satisfactory, and the plan may be tried again.

I have found all the teachers, both old and new, ready to co-operate with me in every way.

Respectfully submitted,

NETTIE L. GREEN,

Supervisor of Music.

Shrewsbury, Mass., January 21, 1911.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MANUAL ARTS

To the Superintendent of Schools, Shirley, Mass.:

The subject of drawing is valuable in training children to observe, compare and judge the value of their surroundings. It develops imagination and stimulates invention. Drawing should be a graphic vocabulary to be used whenever occasion requires. Many times ideas are much more easily expressed by a few lines than by many words. When the school children of today take their places in the world's work, they will find the power to draw rapidly and accurately invaluable, whatever their vocations may be. The salesman may often use a sketch to describe his wares. The dressmaker and milliner may picture gowns and hats for waiting customers if they possess the power to do it rapidly and well.

In the primary grades we use drawing as a free and easy means of expression, really clearer to the child than much speaking. The children are urged to express themselves in pictures, even as primitive people have always done. In the grammar grades we aim to get accurate expression of the shape and proportion and, later, the appearance of foreshortened surfaces. We try to have the children draw not only from the object, but from memory. The drawing from objects with many details necessitates not only careful observation but also good judgment in choosing which parts must be drawn and which parts eliminated. In the High school the girls are applying what knowledge has been gained, strengthening weak points, and gaining new ideas by making a

book on home decoration. The book is being printed and illustrated with pen and ink and water colors by the girls and will be bound by them when it is finished.

The color work throughout the grades is planned to develop a keener sense of good combinations of refined colors. The design work enables children to appreciate what is appropriate and beautiful. They will be able after this work to choose clothing with better taste, we hope. They will realize that furniture which is simple and well made is better than the showy, cheaply made kind. We are trying to teach them that to be beautiful, an object must be fitted for its purpose, simple and well proportioned, rather than excessively ornamented.

The mechanical drawing in the High school is practical. The boys are taught to make and read working drawings of common furniture. They ought to have a chance to work from their drawings.

In the time given to manual training we endeavor to make useful things. Objects are made in the most practical way with due regard for beauty of proportion and finish. The ornament must never interfere with the usefulness of an article.

In the lower grades the children work with paper and cardboard. We increase the difficulty of the work as fast as the powers of the children develop. In the grammar grades raphia mats and baskets, and reed baskets are made. Book binding, sewing and sloyd have been introduced this year. In the book-binding work the children have made portfolios, calendar mounts, note book covers and clipping files. The girls are making aprons now and the boys are making the furniture for the sloyd room. The planning and constructing of useful things have great educational value.

No manual training is planned which is thought too

hard for the children to do all by themselves from the beginning to end. If a teacher finds that she has a class, one-half of which cannot accomplish the work outlined without assistance she should state the fact at once and the outline will be revised if necessary. It is not right for a teacher to do part of a child's work and permit him to take it home as his own. Besides giving the parents a false idea of the child's ability she lessens the educational value of the work which is its reason for being in the school. She also lessens the child's power to depend upon himself and if there is anything the present day children need it is the habit of thinking for themselves. This thinking habit should start in the first grade and continue to grow every year. We are working for development in the children rather than perfect work for exhibitions. If the children are led aright good work will follow in time.

The following is a brief outline of the work which has been planned for the grades:

Grades I and II. Picture writing—the expression of thought by means of pictures. Object drawing—shapes of common objects committed to memory. Design—the beautifying of objects made, printing, book covers, rhythm, color. Nature work—observation and representation of common grasses and flowers. Constructive work—paper cutting, folding, pasting.

Grades III and IV. Picture writing—free and clear expression of thought. Object drawing—chief characteristics and proportions of objects such as kitchen utensils. Design—decoration of objects, booklets, printing. Nature drawing—growth and proportion of common flowers and plants. Construction work—booklets, card board boxes, furniture, etc.

Grades V and VI. Object drawing—shape and proportion of objects and appearance of foreshortened cir-

cles. Design—decoration of objects, printing, booklets, map drawing and illustrative drawing. Nature drawing—appearance of foreshortened plant forms, such as grass blades, growth. Constructive work—reed baskets, raphia mats and baskets.

Grades VII and VIII. Object drawing—rectangular objects with foreshortened surfaces, map drawing and working drawings. Design—decoration of clipping files, booklets, etc., and printing. Nature drawings—exact representation of twigs and leaves in any position. Construction work—sewing, sloyd, book-binding.

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the hearty co-operation of the superintendent, committee and teachers in all the work I have undertaken. I enjoy working in such a helpful atmosphere as exists in Shirley.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNICE E. STAPLES.

February 18, 1911.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1911-12

1911.

April 3. Spring term begins.

April 19 and May 30. Holidays.

June 16. Elementary schools close—11 weeks.

June 21. High school closes—12 weeks.

September 5. Fall term begins.

October 12. Holiday.

November 30 and December 1. Thanksgiving recess.

December 15. Elementary schools close—15 weeks.

December 22. High school closes—16 weeks.

1912.

January 1. Winter term begins.

February 22. Holiday.

March 22. School closes—12 weeks.

April 1. Spring term begins.

April 19 and May 30. Holidays.

June 14. Elementary schools close—11 weeks.

June 19. High school closes—12 weeks.

SCHOOL CENSUS, SEPT., 1910

Boys between five and fifteen.....	184	
Girls between five and fifteen.....	179	
		363
Boys between seven and fourteen.....	149	
Girls between seven and fourteen.....	141	
		290
Male illiterate minors over fourteen		0

ROLL OF HONOR

(Figures denote number of Terms perfect in attendance).

First Primary

Charles S. Penneseau, 2	Hermogene Joyal, 1
Ruth Eisner, 1	Kathleen Miner, 1
Norman Farmer, 1	Earl M. Weare, 1
Harry Wheeler, 1	

Second Primary

Milda Badstubner, 3	Gladys Eisner, 1
Harriet Adams, 2	Henry Frederich, 1
Harry Annis, 2	Vaughn O'Brien, 1

Intermediate

Edna Holden, 2	Chester Hooper, 1
Edward Lilly, 2	Charles Sandlin, 1
Hazel Ballou, 1	Gardner Wheeler, 1
Wesley Young, 1	

Grammar

Gladys Annis, 3	John Penneseau, 2
Carl Badstubner, 3	Lester Wells, 2
Bessie Eisner, 2	Walter Wheeler, 2
William Frederich, 2	Raymond Harris, 1
Chester Smith, 1	

High

Arthur C. Annis, 3	Winfred D. Weeks, 2
Walter Badstubner, 3	Rachel Carpenter, 1
Leonard Hooper, 3	Robert Evans, 1
Ruby T. Crockett, 2	George P. Hewes, 1
Edith E. Miner, 2	Ethel Holden, 1
Russell Miner, 2	Josephine Love, 1
Fred Penneseau, 2	Blanche Wells, 1
Alvina Wheeler, 1	

Center Primary

Frank Leahy, 2	Olive E. Frary, 1
C. Arthur Carlson, 1	Mary Grout, 1
William Tracy, 1	

Center Grammar

Harold A. Wilkins, 3	Edith P. Frary, 1
Everett G. Buxton, 2	Ralph N. Graves, 1
Gladys I. Leahy, 2	Emma A. Hubbard, 1
Clara N. Cousen, 1	Madolon L. Kemp, 1

LIST OF TEACHERS.

SCHOOLS.	NAMES.	APPOINTED.		SALARY.
				Per Year.
High—Principal	William G. Crommett	July,	1910	\$900 00
Assistant	Mildred Daniels	Feb.	1910	550 00
Grammar	Margaret J. McMillan	Sept.	1907	650 00
				Per Month.
Intermediate	Nellie F. Cronin	Sept.	1907	48 00
Second Primary	Julia F. Rynn	Mar.	1908	48 00
				Per Year.
First Primary	Lura A. White	Sept.	1891	500 00
				Per Month.
Center—Grammar	Florence E. Gibbs	Sept.	1910	48 00
	Alma E. Bowles	Jan.	1911	44 00
Primary	Mary M. Prescott	Sept.	1909	44 00
				Per Day.
Music	Nettie L. Green	Sept.	1904	5 00
Drawing	Bernice E. Staples	Sept.	1910	4 00

PUPILS BY GRADES.

FALL TERM—1910.

GRADE.	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.	AVERAGE AGE SEPT., 1910.	
I	20	6 yrs.	7 mos.
II	20	8 yrs.	0 mos.
III	13	9 yrs.	4 mos.
IV	16	11 yrs.	2 mos.
V	10	10 yrs.	6 mos.
VI	12	11 yrs.	6 mos.
VII	25	12 yrs.	7 mos.
VIII	9	13 yrs.	7 mos.
	HIGH SCHOOL.		
IX	13	13 yrs.	11 mos.
X	10	15 yrs.	11 mos.
XI	8	16 yrs.	3 mos.
XII	7	17 yrs.	2 mos.
	CENTER.		
I	10	6 yrs.	2 mos.
II	12	7 yrs.	1 mo.
III	6	9 yrs.	4 mos.
IV	6	9 yrs.	2 mos.
V	5	10 yrs.	10 mos.
VI	8	12 yrs.	7 mos.
VII	6	12 yrs.	6 mos.
VIII	6	14 yrs.	2 mos.
Total	222		

STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1910.

SCHOOLS.	Grades.	Days of School.	Total membership.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Percent of attendance	Pupils under 5.	Pupils bet. 5 and 15.	Pupils bet. 7 and 14.	Pupils over 15.	Days of absence.	Tardinesses.	Dismissals.
First Primary,	I-II	176½	44	38	35	92	0	44	17	0	647½	117	12
Second Primary,	III-IV	183	30	24	22.6	92.7	0	29	24	1	290½	49	19
Intermediate,	V-VI	179	34	31.2	29.6	94.8	0	34	34	0	282½	18	30
Grammar,	VII-VIII	193	27	24.8	23.6	95.2	0	25	21	2	227	28	17
Center Primary,	I-IV	187	31	27.8	25.1	90.2	0	31	31	0	510	31	27
Center Grammar,	V-VIII	182	27	23	20.6	89.6	0	27	23	0	432	29	20
High,	X-XIII	194	36	30.6	28.5	93.4	0	10	3	26	311½	88	70
Totals for 1909-10		1294½	229	199.4	185.0	92.8	0	185	149	28	2701	360	195
Totals for 1908-9			223	200.4	184.7	92.2		199	156	24	4949½	264	124

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the School Committee :

The health of the school children during the past year has been far better than in previous years. This improved condition is undoubtedly due to the abolition of the common drinking cup and the installation of more sanitary methods of obtaining drinking water. Another thing which conduces to the good health of the Village children is the putting in of flush closets at the new school house. There is great need of a better water supply at the Center school, as the well has not been adequate for the needs of the children and consequently they have been obliged at times to rely upon the good nature of the neighboring families. It might be suggested that the well be cleaned and deepened and if that were done there would unquestionably be an ample water supply. There have been some criticisms as to the comfort of the children who are transported and it might be well for your committee to investigate and to insist that proper robes or blankets be furnished.

I am very much pleased at the satisfactory results we have obtained from our improved sanitary conditions and I trust that a great deal more may be done along the same line.

We cannot overestimate the importance of having proper conditions in health matters in our schools, as the schools, both public and private, are without doubt the great breeding place of our most common contagious

diseases. Therefore, we should endeavor by every possible means to eliminate, as far as it is our power to do so, any condition which will aid the spread of contagion of any kind.

The teachers should always be on the alert to detect anything abnormal about a child and the School Physician should be at once notified when such a condition exists.

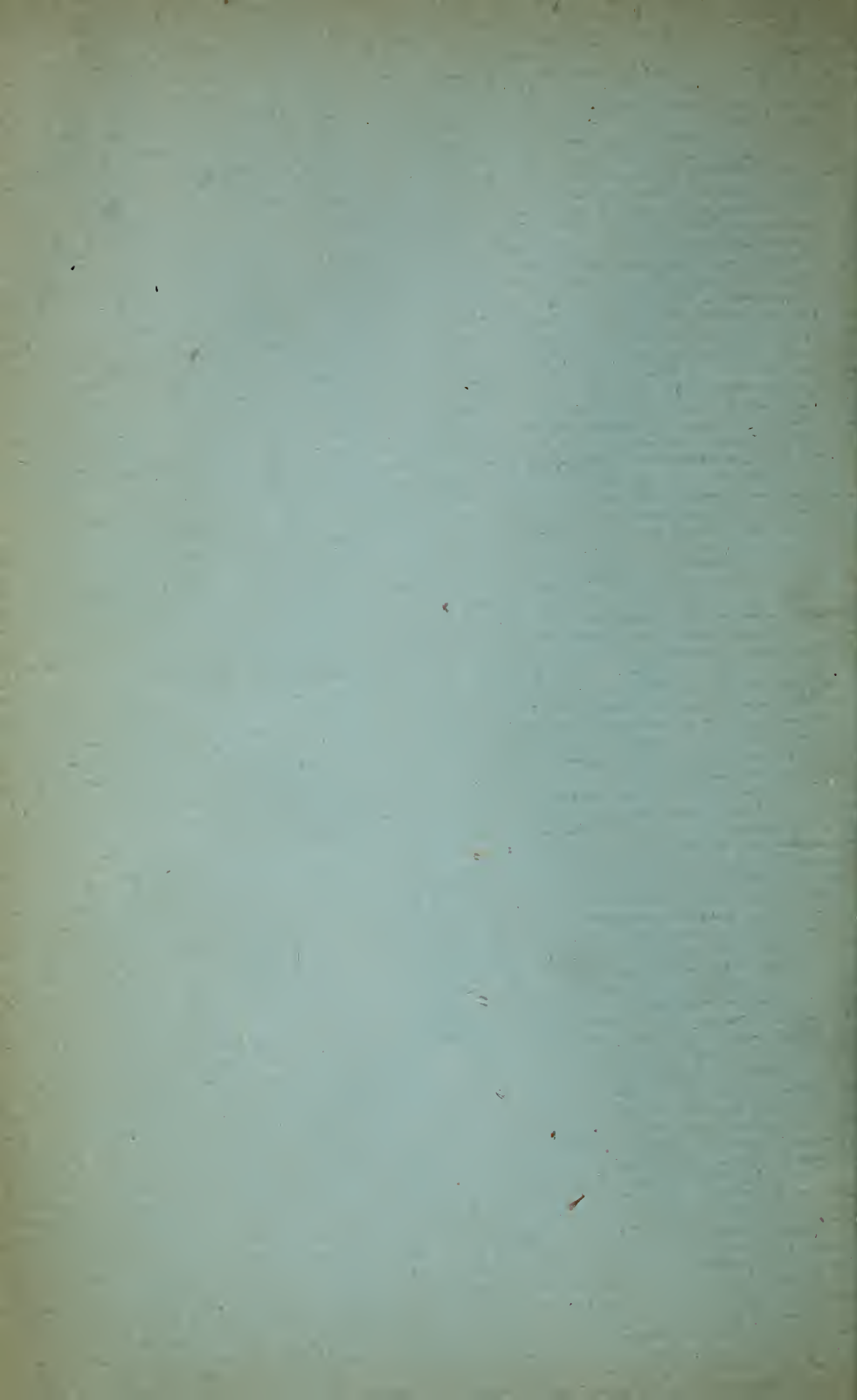
The parents also should exercise extreme care when a child is ill, as in this matter they have a double responsibility, the health of their own child and the danger of exposing other children to some serious illness.

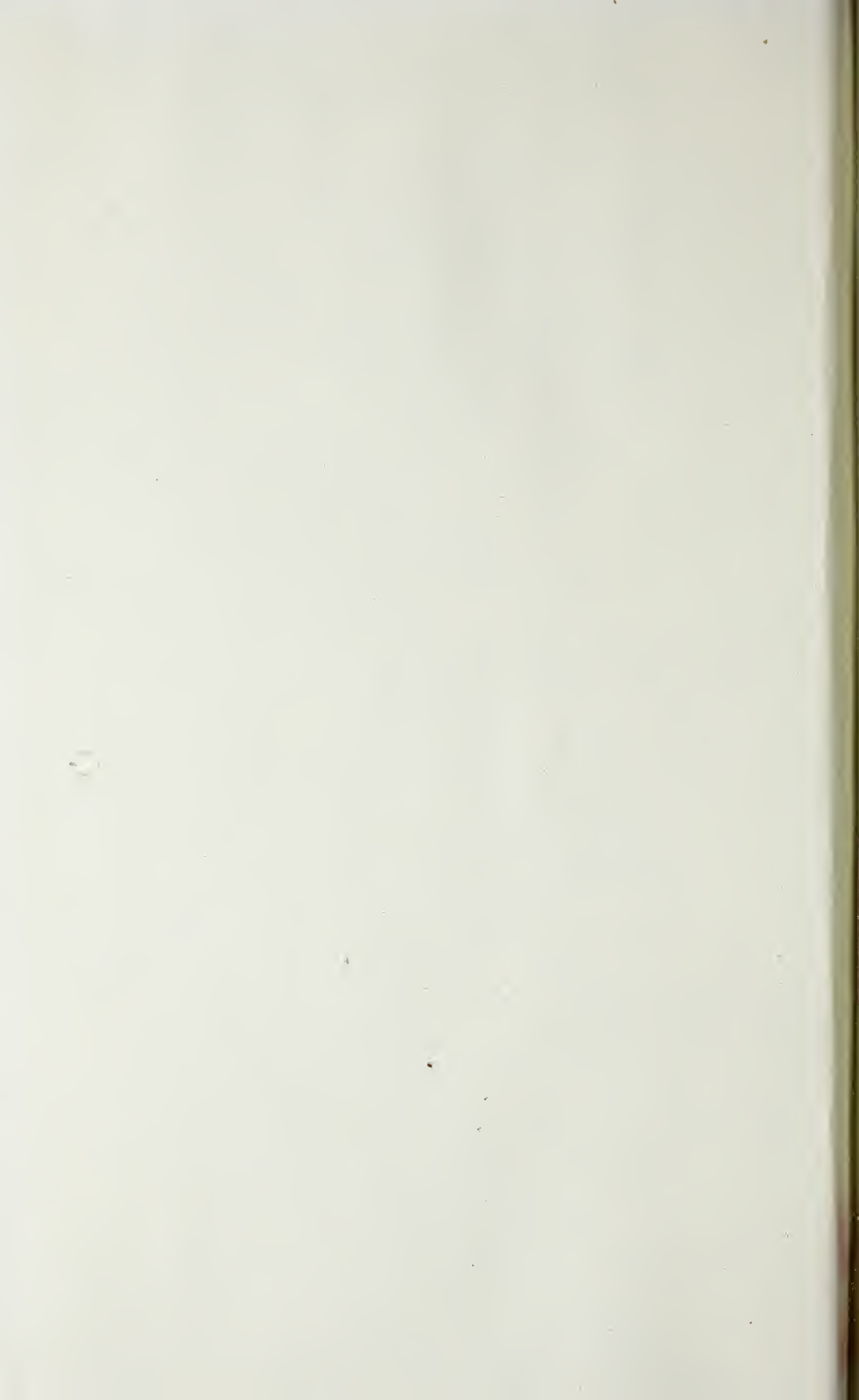
Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS E. LILLY, M. D.,

School Physician.







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